

The Church Gathered

November 20, 2022

11:00 a.m.

*Ask the LORD of the harvest . . . to send out workers
– Luke 10:2*

Prelude

A Thanksgiving Trilogy
Arr. Don Phillips

Nancy Muskrat

*Your word, O God, awoke the uncreated; brought form from chaos, out
of darkness light, till life, by silent ages long awaited,
displayed its growing beauty in your sight.*

Welcome to Worshippers

Michael Mills

Call to Worship

from Psalm 100:4-5

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Congregation: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Pastor: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures for ever,

Congregation: and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Praise 371

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

Choral Worship

A Hymn for Thanksgiving
David H. Williams

Choir

Praise, o praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing;
For His mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise Him that He made the sun
day by day his course to run;
Praise Him that He gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain.

He hath bid the fruitful field
crops of precious increase yield;
For His mercies still endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Glory to our bounteous King!
Glory let creation sing,
Glory to the Father, Son,
and blest Spirit, Three in One!

*Your word, O God, took flesh for our salvation, and we beheld his glory,
truth and grace; He brings the gospel of our liberation,
the tidings of your mercy light his face.*

Pastoral Prayer

Michael Mills

Hymn of Service 658

Let Your Heart Be Broken

WYE VALLEY (abridged)

Offertory Prayer

Offertory O Give Thanks unto the Lord/*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
Arr. C. L. Bass

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*In healing deed of love and holy story we hear the music of your gracious
name; still more, his cross and resurrections glory the
sovereign triumphs of your love proclaim.*

Reading of God's Word

John 1:1-5, 9-14a

Mary VanRheenen-Holmes

*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was
God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made;
without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and
that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and
the darkness has not overcome it.*

*The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in
the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not
recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not
receive him. Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his
name, he gave the right to become children of God — children born not of
natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.*

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

Hymn of Joy

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

BEECHER

**Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the prisoners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the Gospel, healing every dread disease,
calming storms, and feeding thousands with the very Bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong, yet gentle, word;
praise the One who drove out demons with the piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water, quenching thirst in every land.**

Let us praise the Word Incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose victorious that we all may know God's grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done;

let us praise the true Redeemer, praise the One who makes us one.

Message

Presence Matters
John 1:1-5, 9-14a

Keith Holmes

Now speak again, your word unto the nations, in all the fullness of your Spirit's power, and as your voice woke former generations, declare your purpose for this present hour.

Hymn of Mission

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

JESUS SAVES

**We have heard the joyful sound: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Spread the tidings all around: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Bear the news to every land, climb the steeps and cross the waves;
Onward! 'tis our LORD's command; Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

**Give the winds voice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Let the nations now rejoice: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!
Shout salvation full and free; highest hills and deepest caves;
This our song of victory: Jesus saves! Jesus saves!**

Words by Priscilla Owens, 1882

Opportunities for Service

Michael Mills

Benediction

Postlude

C. L. Bass

Deacon of the Week – David Jordan

The Church Scattered

Global Missions Speaker

With us this weekend we are privileged to have Keith Holmes and Mary VanRheenen-Holmes, CBF field personnel who serve in Europe with the Romany people.

Thanksgiving Holiday

The church office will be closed on Wednesday of this week; in addition, the 5:00 pm Prayer Meeting and 6:00 pm Choir Rehearsal are suspended for the holiday.

Legacy Churches Library

In the back of the Worship Center, you may pick up a copy of the book *Legacy Churches*. After you have finished reading it, please return it to allow someone else to read it.

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