

# *Celebration of Worship* *Christ the King Sunday*

November 26, 2017

9:30 A.M.

We welcome you to worship. We are glad that you are here! Nursery and Preschool care is available if you need it. The Young and Young at Heart are welcomed to the front early on for a special time in the service. Please sign the Friendship Pads so that we can get to know you better, and join us for coffee in the Narthex after the service.

## Thoughts for Reflection

*“The last judgment represents the conviction that there is a real distinction between good and evil, that everything is not relative, that it matters which we choose and what we do, that at last Christ will see to it that the good will triumph and be rewarded with the nearer presence of God.”*

Wallace Alston

## Order of Worship

PRELUDE *He Leadeth Me/Lead On, O King Eternal* arr. Rodriguez

WELCOME

RINGING THE CHURCH BELL

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Based on *Psalm 100*

\* Please stand, if you are able.

\* HYMN *When Morning Gilds the Skies* # 487

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SUNG RESPONSE *Change My Heart, O God* Back cover

WORDS FOR THE YOUNG AND THE YOUNG AT HEART

Message

Prayer

*(Children and Youth are dismissed for Sunday School.)*

GOSPEL LESSON *Matthew 5:1-12* p. 785

SERMON *Working for Peace and  
The Blessing that No One Wants*

Pastor Larry De Vuyst *Matthew 5:9-12*

GOD’S RULE OF GRACE (in unison)

**We believe in God, Creator of all things, Ruler of all that is and all that is to come. God is transforming the world into a place of God’s justice, mercy and peace.**

**We follow Jesus, who taught and healed, who died and rose, revealing God’s abundant grace. He sent disciples out into the world to heal, to proclaim the good news of our grace, and to participate in the Reign of God in all that we do. He reigns in love over all creation, and holds all accountable to their faithfulness to God’s rule of grace.**

**We rely upon the unfailing grace of God, the presence of the Holy Spirit, the community of the Church as the Body of Christ, the unity of all believers, the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, and the alluring blessing of eternal life.**

**Therefore, we devote ourselves to lives of daily prayer, study, service and reflection, following Jesus the Master and King, for the sake of the transformation of the world by the grace of God.**

\* HYMN *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* # 374

MORNING OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* Patterson  
Chancel Choir

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God’s own temple come; raise the song of harvest home.

We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing.  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known.  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.  
Sing praise to His name, He forgets not his own.

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.  
Even so, Lord, quickly come; bring Thy final harvest home.  
Come with all Thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home.

DOXOLOGY (# 592) AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (Debts/debtors)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* HYMN *Crown Him with Many Crowns* # 151

\* BENECTION

\* CHORAL BENECTION from *The Beatitudes* Avery & Marsh

\* POSTLUDE *Prelude in G Minor* Bach