

Thanksgiving Reign of Christ Sunday

November 25, 2018

PRELUDE *Toccata in C* J. P. Sweelinck

INTROIT *Alleluia, Alleluia* South Africa

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 554 *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

*OPENING SENTENCES (responsively) (from Rex Hunt)

Calling God, you have gathered us into this community.

A place has been made for us.

Let what we say and do here

be real for us and honest to you

and prepare us for the life of the world.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)

O Holy One, we content ourselves
with the thought that we are following you by pleasing ourselves.

And then you remind us of the faithfulness you call us to.

It is so hard.

We want lives enriched with wisdom, but other voices speak enticingly of
easy fixes and scapegoats to blame.

We want to be thankful, but our eyes are drawn to what our neighbors
have more and better of.

We want to shine your light, but we hide our gifts and talents when we
have a chance to share.

Today we come to hear again your words stirring in our souls. Make us receptive to
your challenge to live thankfully as we do our best to follow in the way and in the
spirit of Jesus who prayed and taught us to pray,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father*, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy
will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and
forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory, forever. Amen.

or "Our Creator

ANTHEM *Let Us Walk In the Light of the Lord* Vicki Hancock Wright
Choristers Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS OF CHURCH LIFE

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please note: Contributions to the children's offering (in the baskets) support Bridges to Community's continued efforts in Nicaragua. Contributions to the general offering (in the plates) support the general mission of PBC.

Offertory *The Heart's Offering* A. Baldwin

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication Hymn 592

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him all creatures here below.

Praise him above ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

- or -

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.

Praise God above ye heavenly host. Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

TIME FOR GREETING ONE ANOTHER

There is no Time with the Children in worship today. Children are dismissed to a one-room Sunday Spirit class. Please see announcements for details.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS AND PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM *To Thee We Sing* P. Tchaikovsky

READING FROM THE BIBLE Matthew 6:25-34; Deuteronomy 8:4-18

SERMON *Say "Thank You"* Heather Brown-Huston

*HYMN 555 *Now Thank We all Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE *Twofold Amen* R. Warner

POSTLUDE *My Heart is Joyful* J. Brahms

*please stand

The flowers in our sanctuary this morning are given by Wendy Branche in celebration of Nicholas Branche's birthday - Murphy's big brother!

Everyone is invited for Coffee Hour following worship. Thank you to our hosts, Janet Walsh and Holly & Chris Conetta.

Children's bulletins are available at both entrances to the Sanctuary.

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We're glad that you've joined us for worship today and hope that you'll come to Coffee Hour, immediately following the service (through the door at the front of the sanctuary to Fellowship Hall). There you'll find coffee, a Welcome Table with information about the church, and people who would be delighted to talk to you.

Parents - Childcare is provided for infants and toddlers in the education wing of our building. Just ask one of the ushers for directions.

A parent paging system is available for your convenience.

The Rev. Heather Brown-Huston, Minister for Congregational Life

John Lettieri, Director of Music

Kathy DiBiasi, Director of Educational Ministries

The Rev. Leslie Mott, Coordinator for Spirituality and Practice

Parish Associates:

The Rev. Dorothy Muller and the Rev. Dr. James Fenimore

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