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## **PRAISE AND WORSHIP**

*22 November 2020, VCC Online Service – Reign of Christ – at 12 Noon*



**WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Meditation**

11:55 A.M.

**Silent Meditation**

**Prelude**

**Tomasz Piętak**

**Greeting/Announcements**

**Rev. Dr. Neil Parker**

• **#718 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

1. 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.

2. All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

**Time with Children**

## WE HEAR THE WORD

### Scripture Readings

Kitty McKinsey

#### Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24 (NIV) -

**11** “For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. **12** As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. **13** I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. **14** I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. **15** I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. **16** I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

**20** “Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. **21** Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, **22** I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. **23** I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. **24** I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

#### Matthew 25:31-46 NIV

### The Sheep and the Goats

**31** “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

**34** “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, **36** I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

**37** “Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? **39** When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

**40** “The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

**41** “Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. **42** For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, **43** I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

**44** “They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

**45** “He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

**46** “Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”

## Responsive Psalm

### Psalm 95:1-7 (NIV)

1 Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

2 Let us come before him with thanksgiving  
and extol him with music and song.

3 For the Lord is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.

4 In his hand are the depths of the earth,  
and the mountain peaks belong to him.

5 The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

6 Come, let us bow down in worship,  
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;

7 for he is our God and we are the people of his pasture,  
the flock under his care.

Today, if only you would hear his voice,

Sermon

Keeping Track of the Goats,  
and the Sheep

Rev. Dr. Neil Parker

### WE RESPOND IN THANKS AND PRAYER

#### • #531 Thank You Lord

1. Thank you Lord, thank you Lord, thank you Lord,  
I just want to thank you, Lord.

2. Been so good, been so good, been so good,  
I just want to thank you Lord.

3. Been my friend, been my friend, been my friend,  
I just want to thank you, Lord

### Prayers of the People

#### Lord's Prayer

#### Offering

#### Doxology

#### • #35 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

## Announcements / Sharing

### WE GO INTO GOD'S WORLD WITH BLESSING

- **#715 Now Thank We All Our God**

1. Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,  
whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

- **Blessing / Commissioning**

- **#312 Amen**      *Congregational Amen*

- Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Tomasz Piętak