

Worship Service November 21, 2021

Welcome and Announcements ~ John Hess

On Tues. November 23rd ~ Prayer Group and book discussion at 7 pm via zoom.

Also on Tuesday, the Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held at Israel Congregation at 7:00pm, available via Zoom as well. In person attendance requires masks and vaccination.

The Christmas Cookie Sale is being organized by Martha Thompson, and drop off for cookies will be at the church on December 11th.

Happy Birthday to Lorraine Wilkins on Monday the 22nd!

Thank you to Anna Enis for the flowers in loving memory of Barb & Dick Goddard.

Word of Preparation ~ John Hess

Prelude ~ Jim Holden, singing original song "I Long To Be With Jesus"

Verse 1

Lord, I reach out for your forgiveness.
I do it each and every day.
And I need your Holy Spirit
For the words I just have to say.
I long to spend eternity with you.
And You always know what's on my mind
My words almost never come easy,
But I know you listen every time.
You watch and listen all the time.

Chorus

Father, Your kingdom will come.
And Your whole new world will live as one.
How I long to be there with you!
And I pray that your kingdom comes very soon.
I long to be with Jesus for a long, long time,
The rest of time.

Verse 2

Lord, I'm thankful for Your lessons taught
And all the blessings given me.
Though all the lessons sometimes cause me anguish,
They teach me who I should be.
Thank you for all that we've been given
From ground beneath to sky above
But there is nothing I'm more thankful for
Than Your deep everlasting love,
Your deep and everlasting love.

Chorus

Verse 3

LORD Jesus, as the days grow shorter
And Your birth celebration draws near,
We know because we trust in you,
We need nothing else to fear.
You paid the supreme price for us
That should always be on our minds.
It is truly right for us

To want to live for you all the time.
Live for you all the time

Chorus

Ending: A long, long time- the rest of time.

24 So be strong and courageous,
all you who put your hope in the LORD!

Song ~ Please join in singing *“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”*
from #718 in the Blue Hymnal

Call to Worship ~ John Hess will read bold, everyone plain text
together
from the NLT, Psalm 31

**19 How great is the goodness
you have stored up for those who fear you.**

You lavish it on those who come to you for protection,
blessing them before the watching world.

**20 You hide them in the shelter of your presence,
safe from those who conspire against them.**

You shelter them in your presence,
far from accusing tongues.

**21 Praise the LORD,
for he has shown me the wonders of his unfailing love.**

He kept me safe when my city was under attack.

**22 In panic I cried out,
“I am cut off from the LORD!”**

But you heard my cry for mercy
and answered my call for help.

23 Love the LORD, all you godly ones!
For the LORD protects those who are loyal to him,
but he harshly punishes the arrogant.

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.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,

giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.

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.

Praying Together ~

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Song by the Choir~ *“Thanksgiving Garden”*

Sermon Introduction ~ Cara Davenport

Scripture ~ John Hess will read Luke 10:21-28 in the New Living Translation

21 At that same time Jesus was filled with the joy of the Holy Spirit, and he said, “O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, thank you for hiding these things from those who think themselves wise and clever, and for revealing them to the childlike. Yes, Father, it pleased you to do it this way.

22 “My Father has entrusted everything to me. No one truly knows the Son except the Father, and no one truly knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.”

23 Then when they were alone, he turned to the disciples and said, “Blessed are the eyes that see what you have seen. **24** I tell you, many prophets and kings longed to see what you see, but they didn’t see it. And they longed to hear what you hear, but they didn’t hear it.”

25 One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: “Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?”

26 Jesus replied, “What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?”

27 The man answered, “‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

28 “Right!” Jesus told him. “Do this and you will live!”

Message ~ Practicing Holy Appreciation

Song ~ “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” from #25 in the Blue Hymnal

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!
Have you not seen all that is needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
gladly forever adore him.

Benediction ~ from 1 John 3:1-2

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.