

*Soli Deo Gloria*



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**CHRISTIANS UNITING  
IN SONG & PRAYER**

**COMMUNITY - WIDE  
WORSHIP SERVICE**



*We Give Thanks*

Sunday, November 19, 2023, 5:00 PM  
Grace Episcopal Church  
Holland, Michigan

*A gathering of Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer [CUSP]*

**Each year, Americans set apart the fourth Thursday in November to observe Thanksgiving Day.** This national holiday originates from a feast held in the autumn of 1621 by the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag, a Native American people. Its purpose was to mark with gratitude the colony's first successful harvest in the New World. It remains a tradition in many American households to celebrate the holiday by holding a feast preceded by a prayer of thanksgiving for God's abundant blessings.

Christians have used this day as an occasion to acknowledge and acclaim God in public worship as creator and generous provider of all the bounty of life, of "every good and perfect gift," including above all the gift of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world.

We are grateful for the privilege of gathering in this space with Christians from various traditions to worship our God together. May God's Spirit unite our hearts as we thank our God in song and prayer for all the blessings we have enjoyed from God's hand!

*Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer (CUSP) is successor to the team that organized and presented five events in October 2017, commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. CUSP is best described by its mission statement:*

In the crucified and risen Christ we are reconciled to God and to one another. This is at the heart of the Christian message to which the Church is called to give witness in the world. Deep and painful divisions among its members today, however, obscure this message and therefore compromise its witness.

Out of a shared commitment to overcome these divisions, CUSP was formed. Located in the Holland community, we are a fellowship of Protestants and Catholics convinced that Christians joining in public assembly to sing and pray together can help to restore and promote our unity. Our conviction is rooted in the acknowledgment that Christian unity is both gift and task. In celebrating together our common faith, we recover a vision of the inestimable gift that God has granted to us in Christ. Renewed thereby in our appreciation of this gift, we go out energized to take up the difficult task of reconciling with fellow Christians whose differences keep us separated.

**Participants:**

Worship Leader: Rev. Jen Adams

Homilist: Rev. Kory Plockmeyer

Readers: Gloria Goodwin, Stephen Rumler-McClusky

The Holland Ecumenical Choir – a division of CUSP

Music Director: Robert J. Batastini

Organist: Rhonda Sider Edgington

The DeSales Brass: Jack Bender, Director

Participants, including choir members, are from the following area churches and organizations:

Baldwin St. CRC (Jennison), Central Ave. CRC, Christ Memorial, Church of the Savior (Coopersville), First Baptist, First Presbyterian, First United Methodist, Fourteenth Street CRC, St. Mary's (Grand Rapids), Grace Episcopal, Grasfchap CRC, Hope Church, Maranatha CRC, Movement West Michigan, Pillar Church, Third Reformed, Our Lady of the Lake Catholic, Trinity Reformed, St. Francis de Sales Catholic, St. John's Episcopal (Grand Haven), St. Peter's Catholic (Douglas)

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## PRELUDES

*All remain seated***The DeSales Brass****In the Lord, I'll Be Ever Thankful***Sung several times, all alternating English and Spanish.*

## Ostinato Refrain / Estribillo

In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
El Se - ñor es mi for - ta - le - za, el Se - ñor es mi can -

joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid; lift up your  
ción. Él nos da la sal - va - ción. En él con -

voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.  
fí - o, no te - me - ré. En él con - fí - o, no te - me - ré.

Text: Taizé Community  
Tune: Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994  
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**Choir:** For the Beauty of the Earth - *Allan Bullard*Brass Selection (*any more info for this?*)

## GATHERING HYMN

*Stand*

**Hymn:** Christ Is the King – *Setting by Carl Schalk*

*Men sing stanza 2, Choir sings stanza 4, and Women sing stanza 6.*



1. Christ is the King! O friends, re - jice;  
 2. O mag - ni - fy the Lord, and raise  
 3. They with a faith for ev - er new  
 4. O Chris - tian wom - en, Chris - tian men,  
 5. Christ through all a - ges is the same;



Broth - ers and sis - ters, with one voice  
 An - thems of joy and ho - ly praise  
 Fol - lowed the King, and round him drew  
 All the world o - ver, seek a - gain  
 Place the same hope in his great name;



Let the world know he is your choice.  
 For Christ's brave saints of an - cient days.  
 Thou - sands of men and wom - en true.  
 The Way dis - ci - ples fol - lowed then.  
 With the same faith his word pro - claim.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6. Let Love's all reconciling might  
 Your scattered companies unite  
 In service to the Lord of light.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

7. So shall God's will on earth be done,  
 New lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
 And the whole Church at last be one.  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Text: George K. A. Bell, 1883–1958, alt., © Oxford University Press  
 Tune: GELOBT SEI GOTT, 888 with alleluias; Melchior Vulpius, c.1560–1615

### Greeting

*Leader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## Prayers of Reconciliation

Lord, hear our prayer.

Ky-ri-e, e - le - i - son, Ky-ri-e, e - le - i - son.

Music: Jacques Berthier, 1923–1994, © 1982, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

## Sign of Peace

*Leader:* The peace of Christ be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD OF GOD

*All are seated*

**First Reading – Deuteronomy 8:7–18**

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 67**

O God, let all the na-tions praise you! O

God, let all the na-tions praise you!

Text: *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL  
 Music: Tony E. Alonso, © 2004, GIA Publications, Inc.

**Second Reading – 2 Corinthians 9:6–15**

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand*

**Alleluia**

*Sung once by cantor, then once by all.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Music: Alleluia 7; Jacques Berthier, © 1984, Les Presses de Taizé, GIA Publications, Inc., agent

**Gospel – Luke 17:11–19**

*Reader:* The Lord be with you.

*All:* **And also with you.**

*At the conclusion:*

*Reader:* The gospel of the Lord

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*All are seated*

**Homily**

**Choir Anthem:** Song of Thanksgiving – *Ronald L. Stevens, Sr.*

*Please stand*

**Nicene Creed**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God,**

**Light from Light,  
 true God from true God,  
 begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father;  
 through him all things were made.  
 For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
 Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man.  
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
 he suffered, died, and was buried.  
 On the third day he rose again  
 in accordance with the scriptures;  
 he ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
 and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
 and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who has spoken through the prophets.  
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
 We look forward to the resurrection of the dead,  
 And the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People**

*Reader: (after each petition) We say:*

*All: We give you thanks, O Lord.*

### **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
 hallowed be they 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 trespasses  
 as we forgive those who trespass 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.**

*All are seated*

**Anthem:** Bless the Lord, O My Soul – *Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov*

### **Announcements and Acknowledgements**

Rev. Dr. Christopher Dorn, chairman, Christians Uniting in Song and Prayer.

*Stand***Commissioning**

*Leader:* Called by God to be responsible stewards  
of all the blessings that come from the divine hand,  
let us be people who care for one another and all life,  
providing for our own needs and the relief of all who suffer want;  
to the glory of God's name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **May we respond to God's gracious call with a true spirit of thanksgiving. Amen.**

**Benediction**

*Leader:* May the peace of God . . .

*All:* **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God**

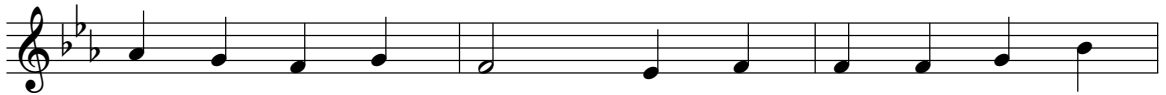
*Stanza two sung by choir alone*



1. Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and  
2. O may this boun-teous God Through all our life be  
3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be



voic - es, Who won - drous things has done, In  
near us, With ev - er joy - ful hearts And  
giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns With



whom his world re - joic - es; Who from our moth - ers'  
bless - ed peace to cheer us; Pre - serve us in his  
them in high - est heav - en— The one e - ter - nal



arms Has blessed us on our way With  
grace, And guide us in dis - tress, And  
God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore— For



count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.  
free us from all harm Till heav - en we pos - sess.  
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: *Nun danket alle Gott*; Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
Tune: NUN DANKET, 6 7 6 7 6 6 6; Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

**As we exit, a collection will be taken up to support the work of CUSP. This is our only source of funding.**

**Brass Postlude:** (*is there a postlude?*)