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# WESTMINSTER CHURCH OF DETROIT



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**Sunday, November 24, 2024**

**10:00AM**

**Christ the King Sunday**

**WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME**

**Prelude**

Two Hymns of Thanksgiving

arr. Wilbur Held

*Welcome to all – especially to our guests.*

*Please take a moment to sign the Friendship Pad, located in each of the pews.*

*Hymns labeled GTG are in the Glory to God Hymnal (purple)*

*Hymns labeled AAHH are in the African American Heritage Hymnal (beige)*

*\*Please stand as you are able*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

Be our God, O Lord, creator of the Heavens and the earth.

Creator of the Sun and the Moon. Creator of the Sea and Dry Land.

Maker of the majesty of the heavens and the earth; both the visible and the invisible. Be our God, O Lord, creator of the universe.

**Come, let us worship and fall down before the King, our God.**

Be our God, O Lord, Redeemer and Savior of all humankind.

You who love humanity and all things that you have made.

You who calls us, teaches us, guides us, and heals us. You, the Redeemer and Savior, Be our God.

**Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, the King, and our God.**

Be our God, O Lord, the Resurrected One who lives forever and ever.

You who conquered death and sin forever. You who liberates us from the clutch of evil. You who has bound the Evil One with the chains of Your Mercy forever. Light of the World, Liberator of the Oppressed, God of the Exodus, Son of the Most High Father, be our God, O Lord.

**Come, let us worship and fall down before Christ, Himself, the King, and our God.**

You, who sits at the right hand of the Father, be our God. Lord, where two or three are gathered in Your name, you are present. Lord, You are here; prepare our hearts to meet you by the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Gospel Praise**

Everyday Is A Day of Thanksgiving  
Gospel Choir

## **Call to Confession**

### **Prayer of Confession**

**Lord Jesus, I, like those to my right and my left, have sinned. I, like those in front of me and behind me, have chosen brokenness over wholeness. We have all sinned against you in thought, word, and deed in our own private rebellion against you. Have mercy on us and forgive us, Lord. We know not what we do. Fill our hearts with your love and our minds with your mercy. Help us to put down our weapons of war and judgement and take up your tools of peace and mercy. From this moment forth, help us to place our trust only in You and Your Justice. We look forward in Faith, Hope, and Love for what you have in store for us. Amen.**

## **Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

### **Passing of the Peace/A Time for Celebration**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace and forgiveness with others. We greet one another as neighbors in Christ. You may say "Peace be with you," or respond, "And also with you.")*

### **\*Response**

**They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**First Reading**

Psalm 93

This is the Word of the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

**Hymn Anthem**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
Chancel Choir

Craig Courtney

*As the Anthem concludes, the congregation is invited to  
join the choir in singing the hymn which is printed toward the back of the bulletin.*

**Second Reading**

Revelations 1: 1-8

**Message**

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Article 10.7-8, Confession of Belhar, Book of Confessions of the PCUSA)

**We believe in the triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit.  
This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.**

**We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion  
of saints called from the entire human family.**

**We believe that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes  
to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a  
world full of injustice and hatred, is in a special way the God of the  
destitute, the poor and the wronged; that God calls the church to  
follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives  
bread to the hungry; that God frees the prisoner and restores sight  
to the blind; that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger,  
helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly; that for  
God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows  
in their suffering; that God wishes to teach the church to do what is  
good and to seek the right.**

**We believe that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.**

**We believe that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.**

**Therefore, we reject any ideology which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.**

**We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.**

**Jesus Is Lord.**

**To the one and only God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn GTG #1**                      **Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

### **Call to Offering**

*If you would like to make an offering online, scan the QR code located in the Westminster News section of today's bulletin.*

### **Invitation to Offering**

**Organ Offertory**                      **Now Thank We All Our God**                      **arr. Charles Callahan**

**\*Doxology GTG #606**    **Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow**  
**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.**

## Prayer of Dedication

## Prayers of the People

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

### **WE GO FORTH IN GOD'S NAME**

**\*Hymn AAHH #555**

**If Jesus Goes With Me**

## Benediction

**Postlude**

**Thanksgiving**

**Richard Purvis**

*The organ postlude is offered as an instrumental prayer. You are invited to remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly, remembering those who are still worshipping.*

### **Worship Leaders:**

The Rev. Dakota Whitaker, Pastor/Head of Staff

Dalos Grobe, Chancel Choir Director/Organist

Victor Boyd, Gospel Choir Director

Scott Turner, Liturgist

Peyton Friday, Deven Humphreys, Acolytes

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**Hymn # 367**

**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**

**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.**

**All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto 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.**

**For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home; From His field  
shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner ever more.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly dome to 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.**

# 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

*Descant*

4 Ho - ly,

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

ho - ly,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



ho - ly,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.  
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

# 555 IF JESUS GOES WITH ME

*Go... and remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.  
Matthew 28:19-20*

1. It may be in the val - ley, Where count - less dan - gers  
 2. It may be I must car - ry The bless - ed word of  
 3. But if it be my por - tion To bear my cross at  
 4. It is not mine to ques - tion The judg - ments of my

hide; It may be in the sun - shine That I, in peace a -  
 life A - cross the burn - ing des - erts To those in sin - ful  
 home, While oth - ers bear their bur - dens Be - yond the bil - low's  
 Lord, It is but mine to fol - low The lead - ings of His

bide; But this one thing I know - If it be dark or  
 strife; And though it be my lot To bear my col - ors  
 foam, I'll prove my faith in Him - Con - fess His judg - ments  
 word; But if to go or stay, Or wheth - er here or

fair, If Je - sus is with me, I'll go an - y - where!  
 there, If Je - sus goes with me, I'll go an - y - where!  
 fair, And, if He stays with me, I'll go an - y - where!  
 there, I'll be, with my Sav - ior, Con - tent an - y - where!

If Je - sus goes with me, I'll go. An - y - where! 'Tis  
I'll go.

heav - en to me, Where - e'er I may be, If He is

there! I count it a priv - i - lege here. His cross to  
His cross, His cross, His

bear; If Je - sus goes with me, I'll go— An - y - where!  
cross to bear;