

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 2020

Thank you for being here today!

Following best practices and to insure everyone's health and safety, *we ask that you refrain from singing*. Instead we invite you to follow along with the hymn texts provided while our cantor sings.

We also ask that you refrain from handshakes and hugs and moving around the sanctuary.

Feel free to join in the spoken liturgies.

And because our worship is being recorded for later broadcast, we ask that you **remain seated and quiet for the opening and closing voluntaries**.

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Chorale Prelude on St. George's Windsor Hugo Gehrke
Melody for hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Isaiah 25:1-9

L: O Lord, you are our God.
We will exalt you!

P: **We will praise your name,
for you have done wonderful things,
planned long ago, faithful and sure.**

L: You have been a refuge for the poor,
a refuge for the needy in distress.

P: **You have been our hiding place from the storm,
our shade from the heat.**

L: This is the Lord, for whom we have waited.

P: **Let's be glad and rejoice in God's salvation!**

*HYMN

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (unison)

When we realize how we are blessed beyond every imagining,
we can sing of your surprising grace and your steadfast presence
to a world which has grown deaf from the noise of empty clichés.

When we remember your love which has no beginning and no end,
when we stand in grace's sweet waters swirling around our hearts
we can rejoice in your hope which sees every person,
even those we would never invite into our circles,
as your beloved child.

When we remember your call to treat every single person with dignity,
justice, and hope,
we can share your peace – even when we don't recognize it—
with a society which believes violence is the solution to every problem.

God in Community, Holy in One,
as you live in us, help us to live for others.

(Silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF OF GOD'S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please share signs of welcome and peace
but refrain from moving around the sanctuary*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM THE SESSION

God's Word Is Proclaimed

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAY FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 22:1-14

L: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. P: Glory to you, O Lord.

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

*HYMN

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer Pastor Mike will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

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 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 Seal God's Word Upon our Hearts and Bear It Into the World

*HYMN #494

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552

J.S. Bach

Please remain seated and quiet for the closing voluntary.

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Matthew 22:1-14

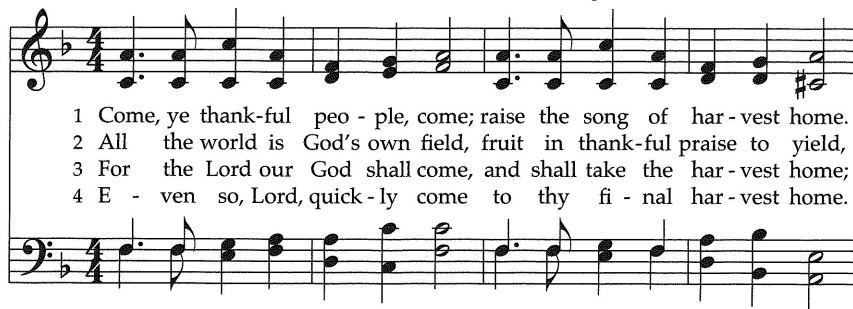
Jesus responded by speaking again in parables: “The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding party for his son. He sent his servants to call those invited to the wedding party. But they didn’t want to come. Again he sent other servants and said to them, ‘Tell those who have been invited, “Look, the meal is all prepared. I’ve butchered the oxen and the fattened cattle. Now everything’s ready. Come to the wedding party!”’ But they paid no attention and went away—some to their fields, others to their businesses. The rest of them grabbed his servants, abused them, and killed them.

“The king was angry. He sent his soldiers to destroy those murderers and set their city on fire. Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding party is prepared, but those who were invited weren’t worthy. Therefore, go to the roads on the edge of town and invite everyone you find to the wedding party.’

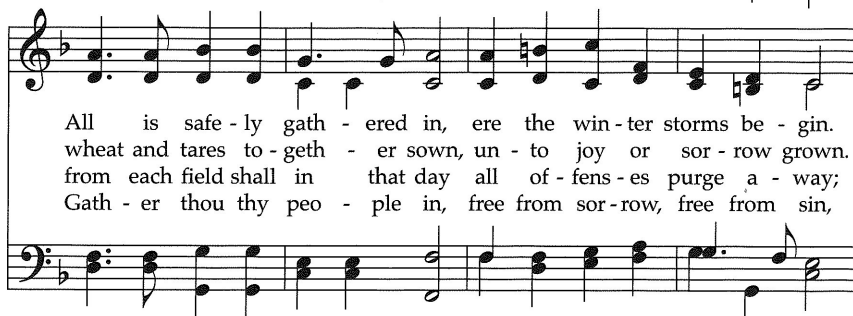
“Then those servants went to the roads and gathered everyone they found, both evil and good. The wedding party was full of guests. Now when the king came in and saw the guests, he spotted a man who wasn’t wearing wedding clothes. He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ But he was speechless. Then the king said to his servants, ‘Tie his hands and feet and throw him out into the farthest darkness. People there will be weeping and grinding their teeth.’

“Many people are invited, but few people are chosen.”

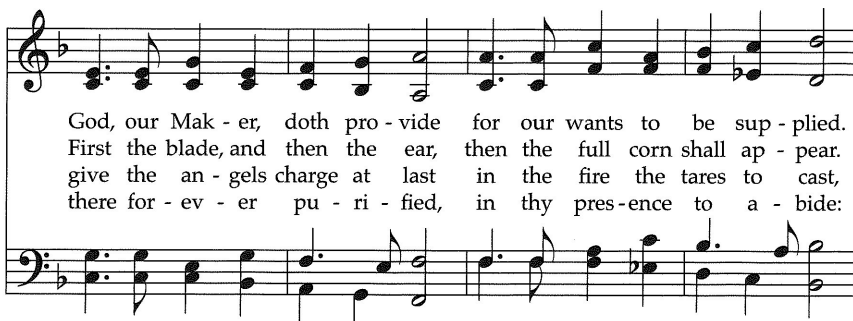
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



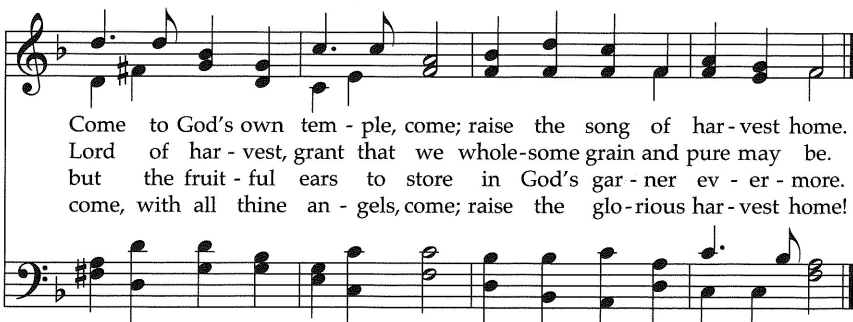
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child - hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter given for you still holds the

cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh - olds fraught with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -

self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the sweet com - pas - sion of your face.

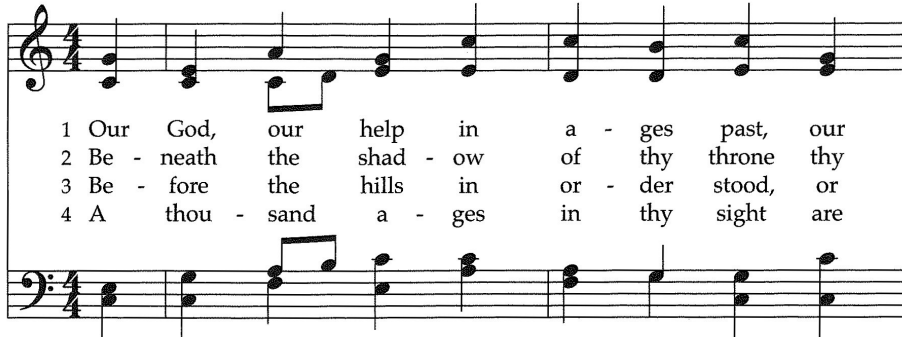
5 O Master, from the mountainside,
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
O tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heaven above
shall come the city of our God.

Because dense populations always result in concentrated hardships, this vivid yet timeless evocation of urban need connects to our own day as well as to Jesus' lament over Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37/Luke 13:34). This tune was the first used with this text and is now customary.

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
thou art God, to end - less years the same.
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

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