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Order of Worship, including Scripture

*Seasonal Theme:*

The teaching and ministry of Jesus the Christ.

*Theme for the day:*

Being thankful for all that God has given to and for us.  
Christ is our shepherd and King.

*Call to worship:*

*(please read the **BOLD** text, aloud or silently as you prefer)*

Pastor: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is he who made us, and we are his: we are his people, the sheep  
of his pasture.**

Pastor: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

People: **And his courts with praise;**

Pastor: Give thanks to him and praise his name,

Unison: **For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness  
continues through all generations. Amen.**

*Centering & Prayer of Illumination:*

*(please read along with Pastor, aloud or silently as you prefer)*

Move us, dear Lord, to be responsible and grateful for all that you have created. As Good Shepherds, lead us to gather and care for all that is yours. Empower us to help those who need understanding. Reaffirm our relationship with you, and teach us to live out our discipleship so that you will welcome us to your Eternal Kingdom. By the power of your Holy Spirit, open your Word: grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that our eyes may be enlightened and we may know the hope to which we have been called. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.



Scripture Readings – November 22, 2020

*first reading* – **EPHESIANS 1:15-23**

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*second reading* – **MATTHEW 25:31-46**

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited

you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

*third reading – LUKE 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

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*Thank you for worshipping with us today.*