

NOVEMBER 29, 2020

THE LORD’S DAY

11:00 AM Morning Service

— PRELUDE —

Announcements

Call to Worship

*Hymn #615 “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

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 offences purge away;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest home;
Gather thou thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin;
There for ever purified,
In thy presence to abide:
Come, with all thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

*Prayer of Invocation

Scripture Reading I John 1:1-2:2

Pastoral Prayer

*Supplement Hymn #48 “Ere the Blue Heavens”
OLD HUNDREDTH

Ere the blue heavens were stretched abroad,
From everlasting was the Word;
With God he was; the Word was God;
And must divinely be adored.

By his own power were all things made;
By him supported all things stand;
He is the whole creation’s Head,
And angels fly at his command.

But lo! He leaves those heavenly forms;
The Word descends and dwells in clay,
That he may hold converse with worms,
Dressed in such feeble flesh as they.

Mortals with joy behold his face,
The eternal Father’s only Son;
How full of truth! How full of grace!
When through his eyes the Godhead shone.

Sermon “Joy Amidst Devastation”

Question 1: What is thy only comfort in life and in death?

Answer: That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also

assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

Question 2: How many things are necessary for thee to know, that thou in this comfort mayest live and die happily?

Answer: Three things: first, the greatness of my sin and misery. Second, how I am redeemed from all my sins and misery. Third, how I am to be thankful to God for such redemption.

Question 28: What does it profit us to know that God has created, and by His providence still upholds all things?

Answer: That we may be patient in adversity; thankful in prosperity; and for what is future, have good confidence in our faithful God and Father, that no creature shall separate us from His love; since all creatures are so in His hand, that without His will they cannot so much as move.

Heidelberg Catechism
Questions 1-2, 28

*Benediction

— POSTLUDE—

*congregation standing