

∞ Order of Worship ∞

September 20, 2020

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE "Prelude" by A. Bernet

CALL TO WORSHIP (paraphrased from Psalm 145):

Leader: We lift you high in praise, our God, O our King! and we'll bless your name into eternity.

**People: We'll bless you every day, and keep it up from now to eternity.**

Leader: You, God are magnificent; You can never be praised enough.

**People: Yes! God is our salvation**

Leader: Your beauty and splendor have everyone talking;

**People: Generation after generation we stand in awe of Your work.**

PRAISE SONG "Come, Now is the Time to Worship"  
by Brian Doerksen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (paraphrased from Psalm 119): (unison)

**Loving God, In the middle of our confusion about how to follow You, You bring Your Son and Spirit to us to guide us. Forgive us, Lord, when we want our way and not Yours. Forgive us when we pray for ourselves and cannot turn our eyes toward You. Help us, Lord, to be more loving in all we say, think and do. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even as we all have sinned

**People: You, Lord, continue to love all creation and bring us to Your Sabbath.**

Leader: You, Lord, continue to forgive us and hold us in Your loving family,

**People: And lead us as we confess and repent.**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE Matthew 20:1-16

CHILDREN'S TIME "Prayer for Back to School"  
Brenda Carpenter

ANTHEM "Shall We Gather at the River"  
by Robert Lowry, arr. by Fred Bock

SCRIPTURE Jonah 3:10-4:11

SERMON "God's Choice"

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.**

HYMN No. 559 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" v. 1

POSTLUDE "Dialogue for Trumpet" by Lani Smith

## Come, Now is the Time to Worship

### Verse 1:

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart;  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

### Verse 2:

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart;  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

One day every tongue will confess You are God;  
One day every knee will bow;  
Still the greatest treasure remains for those  
Who gladly choose You now.

### Verse 3:

Come, now is the time to worship;  
Come, now is the time to give your heart;  
Come, just as you are to worship;  
Come, just as you are before your God,  
Come. Come. Come. Come. Come.

## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

### Verse 1: 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.

### Verse 2: 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.

### Verse 3: 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 evermore.

### Verse 4: Even so, Lord, quickly come

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. Amen.

**PNC Update:** The PNC wants the congregation to know that we have two pastoral candidates that we are excited about and who are interested in our pastoral position. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic travel and quarantine restrictions, we have been frustrated in our attempts to proceed with the process of in-person interviews and visits. We know how eager our congregation is to finally have a permanent pastor, but God is asking us to wait at this point. Please continue to keep our efforts in your prayers.

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poster if you enter the church.  
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[www.ny.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ny.gov/coronavirus)

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**I will not be in the office September 21-24. Please submit  
your information no later than September 28<sup>th</sup> for the  
October Newsletter.**  
**Arlene**