

Worship for Sunday, November 22, 2020
Led by Rev. Jeff Knol
Music by Katie Connolly and the GRC Praise Team

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Words of Welcome
Prelude Video: By Linnea Eberly
Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship: *Adapted from a variety of scriptures*

Grace and peace to you from God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven.

Who knew us and chose us before the world began. Who loves us so much that God calls us God's own children.

Who has brought us from darkness into light and filled us with God's glorious power.

Who has prepared an inheritance for us that will never spoil or fade.

Who encourages and strengthens us in every good deed and word.

Who comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others.

This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live.

Let us, with thankful hearts, worship God together!

Hymn: *We Gather Together*



- 1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 ▸ 2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 ▸ 3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou Lead - er tri - um - phant,



He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;
 Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;
 And pray that Thou still our De - fend - er wilt be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,
 So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:
 Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



Sing prais - es to His name: He for - gets not His own.
 Thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be Thine!
 Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free! A - men. |

Prayer of Confession

O God, in your Son, Jesus Christ you richly bless us with all that we need. He is the bread of heaven, which gives life to the world. We confess that we often strive after more than what we truly need. We crave worldly signs of success. We covet earthly riches and earthly glory. Forgive us we pray and grant us one more thing we pray; give us grateful hearts to sing your praise, in this world and the world to come... *Time of Silent Reflection*

Words of Assurance – Adapted from Acts 2 and Colossians 2

When Peter first preached, those listening were cut to their hearts. With God’s help, they realized their need for forgiveness. They asked Peter, “What should we do?” and Peter responded, “Turn your lives around and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ.”

According to the Book of Colossians, in entering the waters of baptism, we join Christ in his death. Under the sparkling surface of the waters of baptism, our old lives of sin are buried with Christ in his death. But in baptism we also rise; we break through the waters, and rise with Christ in his new resurrection life. We were dead in our sins, but God has made us alive together with Christ and God forgives our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us and nailing it to the cross.

People of God, let us remember the transformative work of our Savior Jesus Christ. Let us remember our baptisms. Let us remember and believe the Gospel message these waters represent; and in these waters, Gospel, and Savior, may we find the assurance that truly our sins are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
World without end! Amen, Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sermon

Hymn: *Now Thank We All Our God*



1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God Thro' all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won - drous things hath done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who, from our moth - er's arms, Hath blest us on our way
 And keep us in His grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love, And still is ours to - day.
 And free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more. A - men.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Announcements, Celebrations, and Prayer Requests

Our Offerings to God

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*Blawenburg Reformed Church at PO Box 266 Blawenburg, NJ 08504
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The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Prayer of Dedication

For the Spirit's gifts to each of us, we give you great thanks, O God. For the bounty of our daily lives, for strength, and health, and for all the provision you give, we give you great thanks. As we offer our gifts in service to you, we pray that you would receive them with our praise. Use our gifts, as you use the many gifts of your Spirit, to continue the good work of your Kingdom here in our world and in our lives. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith – Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Prayers and 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Hymn: *Let All Things Now Living*

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Spoken and Choral Benediction

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Liturgy Note: This week's Call to Worship was adapted from a piece written by Christine Longhurst and published on re-worship.blogspot.com

Today's Music

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We Gather Together

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Music: Netherlands Folk song; arranged by Edward Kremser

Now Thank We All Our God

Text: Martin Rinkart; translated by Catherine Winkworth

Music: Johann Cruger; harmonized by Felix Mendelssohn

Let All Things Now Living

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

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