



UNION CHURCH OF POCANTICO HILLS

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

CHRIST THE KING

VIRTUAL WORSHIP AT 9:00 A.M.



Christ in Judgment

Art in the Christian Tradition
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*Words spoken or sung by the congregation are noted in **bold** type.*

PRELUDE FOR ORGAN

Chorale-Prelude on *St. Columba*

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

Richard Coffey, *Organist*
Alec Wyton (1921-2007)

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

“I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

**Like lost lambs or scattered sheep,
the Lord seeks us and calls us home.**

“I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

**A cherished fold, a beloved flock,
the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.**

“I will be their shepherd,” says the Lord.

**We listen for the voice of the God who seeks us,
and follow with devotion and gratitude!**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab-sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast died for me;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down-ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this:
While we were sinners
Christ died for us.
Because we have faith in him,
we dare to approach God with confidence.
In faith and penitence,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,
and fail to be governed by justice and love.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,
that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ,
we are forgiven.
May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life. Amen.

RESPONSE OF PRAISE

“Laud and Honor to the Father”

Regent Square

**Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory
While unending ages run.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

In the quiet of this holy hour,
speak to us of eternal things:
of love and of truth,
of faithfulness and trust,
of forgiveness and of grace.
Thus may we find ourselves,
and know ourselves,
and renew ourselves in you. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 100

- ¹Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
- ²Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.
- ³Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- ⁴Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.
- ⁵For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

SOLO

“Let All Things Now Living”

Words (1939): Katherine K. Davis

Welsh folk melody, arr. G.H. Knight (1908-1979)

Susan Angst, alto

*Let all things now living
A song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us,
Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished,
All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.*

*By law God enforces.
The stars in the courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains,
The rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We, too, should be voicing
Our love and rejoicing,
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living
Unite in thanksgiving
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.*

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 25: 31-46

³¹“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. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then 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; ³⁵for 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, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then 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? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited

you?’⁴⁰ 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.’⁴¹ 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;⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,⁴³ 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.’⁴⁴ 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?’⁴⁵ 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.’⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SERMON

“Little Things Count”

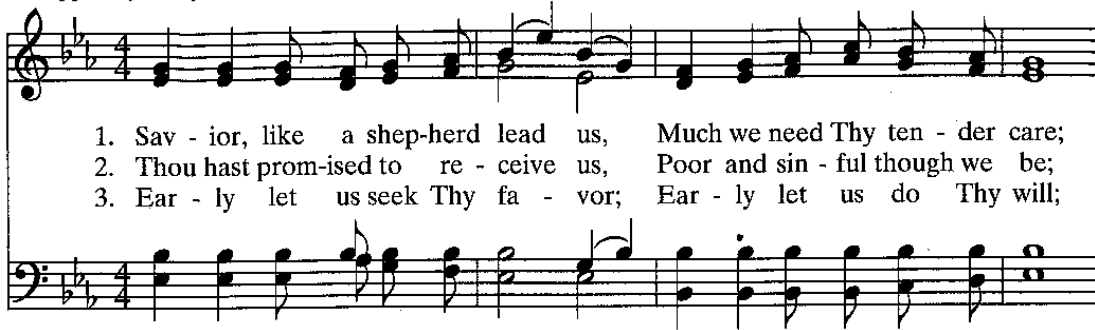
Dr. DeGarmo

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

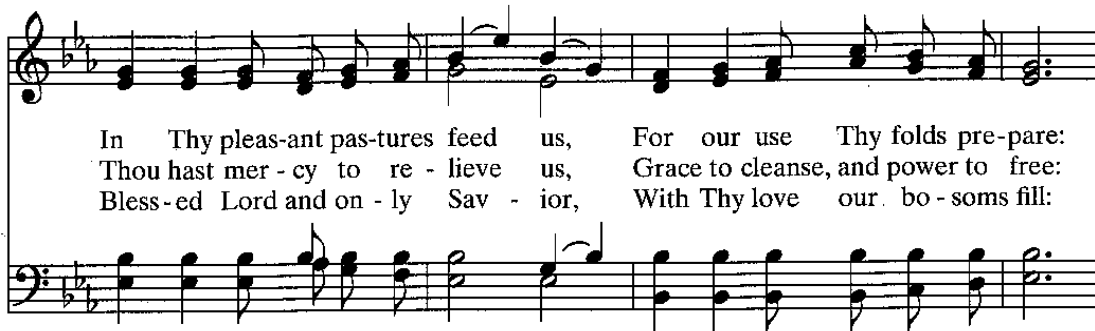
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Thrupp's *Hymns for the Young*, 1836

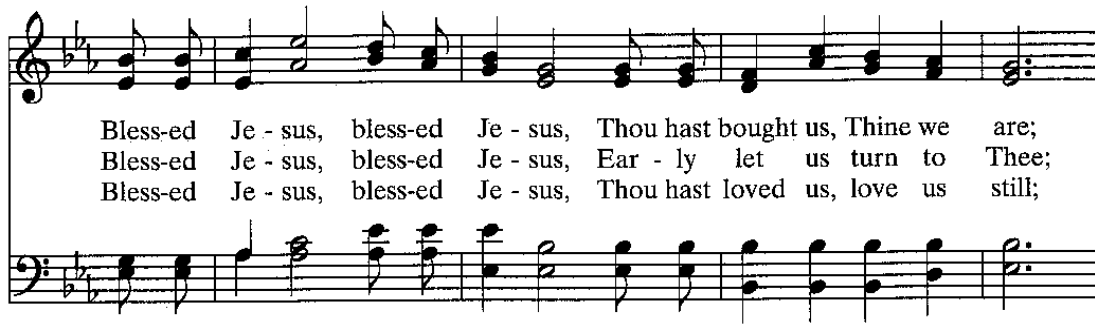
William Batchelder Bradbury, 1859



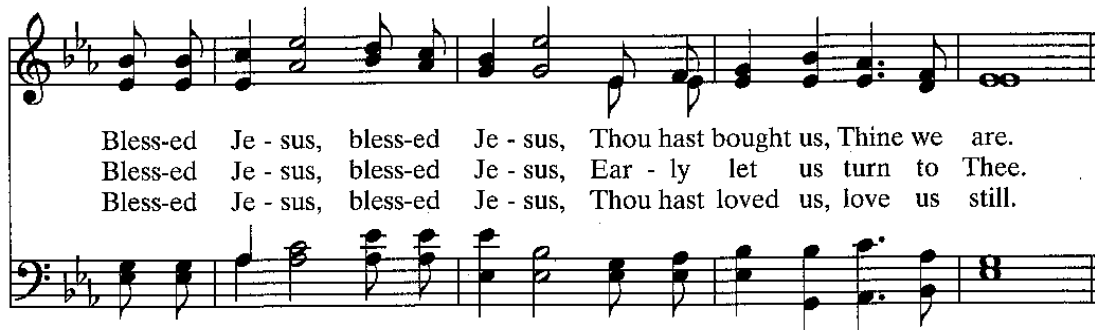
1. Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us, Much we need Thy ten - der care;
2. Thou hast prom-ised to re - ceive us, Poor and sin - ful though we be;
3. Ear - ly let us seek Thy fa - vor; Ear - ly let us do Thy will;



In Thy pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, For our use Thy folds pre-pare:
Thou hast mer-cy to re - lieve us, Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Bless-ed Lord and on - ly Sav - ior, With Thy love our bo - soms fill:



Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Ear - ly let us turn to Thee;
Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters,
to present yourselves as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God.
Let us offer our gifts and our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God,
receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts
and use our lives for the ministry of your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Lead On, O King Eternal

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Ernest W. Shurtleff, 1888

Henry Thomas Smart, c. 1835

1. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, The day of march has come;
 2. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
 3. Lead on, O King e - ter - nal: We fol - low, not with fears;

Hence-forth in fields of con - quest Thy tents shall be our home;
 And ho - li - ness shall whis - per The sweet a - men of peace;
 For glad - ness breaks like morn - ing Wher - e'er Thy face ap - pears;

Through days of prep - a - ra - tion Thy grace has made us strong,
 For not with swords' loud clash - ing, Nor roll of stir - ring drums;
 Thy cross is lift - ed o'er us; We jour - ney in its light:

And now, O King e - ter - nal, We lift our bat - tle song.
 With deeds of love and mer - cy The heav - en - ly king - dom comes.
 The crown a - waits the con - quest; Lead on, O God of might.

CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE FOR ORGAN

Marche Triomphale on *Nun danket alle Gott*
“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfried Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



NOTES ON THE OFFERING

To give online, you can visit the [giving page on our website](#) to make a one time or recurring gift. If you prefer to give by check, you can send it to 555 Bedford Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591. We thank you for joining us today and offering your voice, prayers and presence to our gathering.

VOCAL LEADERS

Vocal leadership is by Susan Angst, soloist, and Ruth Tedder DiLorenzo, hymns and response to words of assurance.

THIS WEEK

Tuesday, November 24

8:30 a.m. Virtual Coffee Hour via Zoom – contact [Dr. DeGarmo](#) for the link

Wednesday, November 25

There will be no Bible Study session this week. It will resume December 2 at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 29

9:00 a.m. Virtual Worship and Communion – contact [Dr. DeGarmo](#) for the links