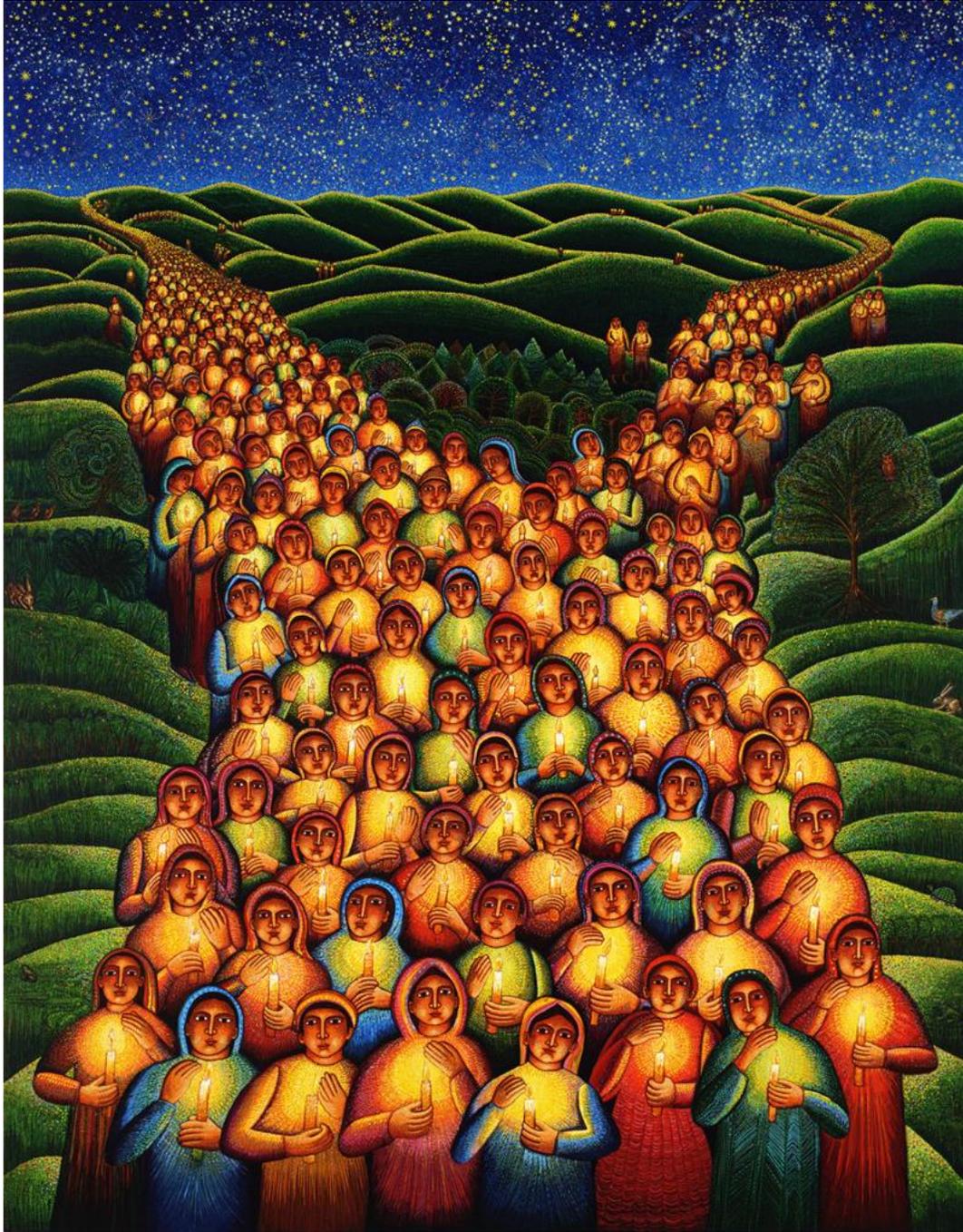


Order of Worship for November 20, 2022  
Reign of Christ | Thanksgiving Sunday  
Hybrid Worship



"Festival of Lights" | John August Swanson

## We Approach God

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Votum, Sentences, and Salutation

Prelude: "Sonata in D Major" by Domenico Scarlatti

Trish Waters, Pianist

Call to Worship

written by Thom Shuman

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

**All: We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy.**

One: God has done great things for us, filling us with grace.

**All: God fed our ancestors in the wilderness, God clothes us with hope.**

One: We will offer our hearts to God, always saying, "Thank you!" to the One who loves us.

**All: We will sing our praises, shouting of God's presence in our lives.**

\*Gathering Hymn: "We Gather Together" (#559)

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.**

Silent Prayer

Kyrie (#572):

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

**Christ have mercy upon us.**

**Lord have mercy upon us.**

Words of Assurance

Summary of the Law of Love

\*Gloria Patri (#579):

**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.**

## We Hear God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Psalm 46

Luke 23:33-43

Children's Message

Sermon: “Thy Kingdom Come”

### **We Respond to God’s Word**

\*Hymn of Affirmation: “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (#151)

Passing of the Peace

Stewardship Moment – Alex Cornwell

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings may be made virtually in three ways:

- Electronic transfer using Zelle to [frc1850@aol.com](mailto:frc1850@aol.com)
- Online giving at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=1289239>
- Checks made out to First Reformed Church may be mailed to 18 Farragut Ave., Hastings on Hudson, NY 10706

Offertory: “Moment Musicaux #3” by Franz Schubert

Trish Waters, Pianist

\*Doxology (#592):

**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 (unison)

from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion*

**Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession & The Lord’s Prayer

*Our time of prayer concludes with 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.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn: “Now Thank We All Our God” (#555)

\*Blessing and Benediction

*Those attending in person are invited to the Fraser Room for a time of fellowship and refreshments. Those attending via Zoom are invited to unmute for “virtual coffee hour.”*

\*Congregants in the sanctuary are invited to rise

**Bold text is read in unison**

### **Announcements**

**Fall Preludes:** For fall preludes, Trish will be playing sonatas by Domenico Scarlatti (1685-1757). While Scarlatti was born in Italy, he spent most of his later years in Lisbon and Madrid, under royal patronage. It was in Madrid, especially, where he was greatly influenced by the Spanish music which can be heard in many of his sonatas.

Scarlatti was considered a virtuoso, and many of his “up tempo” pieces involve elaborate scale work, cascading arpeggios, cross-hand passages, repeated notes (common in Spanish guitar music), and distinctive unusual harmonies. Frequently embedded in these sonatas are delightful “surprises” which can be startling and adventurous, especially for the period during which he composed.

Out of the approximately 550 sonatas he wrote, Trish has chosen introspective and reflective ones which more appropriately set the tone for the ensuing church service.

**Pledge Drive:** Our pledge drive is underway for the upcoming year! Letters have gone to our mailing list, and church members are sharing Stewardship Moments in church. We ask you to reflect on what you can commit to give to First Reformed Church in 2023, complete the pledge form, and return it by December 4.

**Advent and Christmas Events at FRC:** Advent is just around the corner! The first Sunday of Advent is next week, November 27. In addition to our regular weekly worship services, there are a few special events:

- Open House at the Manse: Sunday December 18, 4-7pm. Bring some Christmas cookies or other treats for a cookie potluck!
- Longest Night Holiday Service of Remembrance and Grief: Wednesday December 21, 8pm. Known also as “Blue Christmas,” a Longest Night Service takes place on around the winter solstice, the day when there is the least daylight and the longest nighttime. This is a space to bring to God our grief, sorrow, and pain in the midst of the holiday season, and find some solace.
- Christmas Eve Service: Saturday December 24, 4:30pm, hybrid.
- Christmas Morning Worship: Sunday December 25, 10am. Christmas is on a Sunday this year! Our Sunday morning worship on Christmas day will be simple, cozy, brief, and joyful.

INTERFAITH CARING COMMUNITY OF GREENBURGH

# INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

4:00 - 5:30 PM

IN-PERSON AND ONLINE

Register for online participation at  
[wct.org/interfaiththanksgiving](http://wct.org/interfaiththanksgiving)

Join us in-person at  
Woodlands Community Temple  
50 Worthington Rd, Greenburgh NY

Bring a package of size 5 or 6  
diapers and/or a box of  
low-sugar cereal for the  
Dobbs Ferry Food Pantry

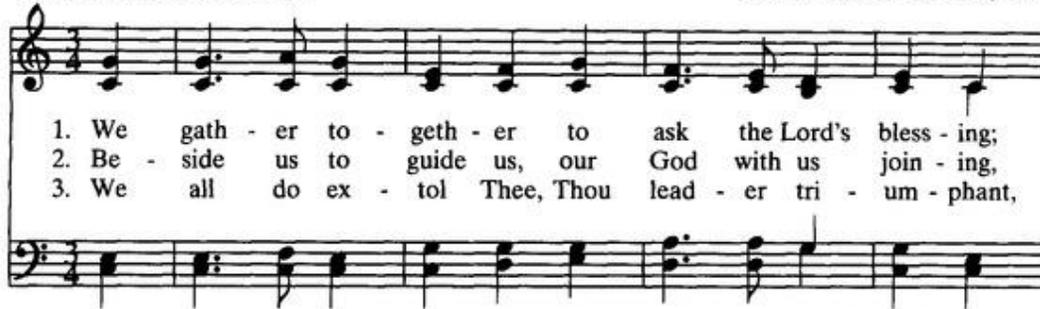
## We Gather Together

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KREMSER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625  
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

*Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626  
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877



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!

## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA 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 heav - en - 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.

THANKSGIVING HYMNS

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Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6

Martin Rinkart, c. 1636

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985

Johann Crüger, 1648

Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

1. Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2. O may this boun - teous God Through all our life be near us,  
 3. All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in high - est heav - en,

Who won - drous things hath done, In whom this world re - joic - es;  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 To Fa - ther and to Son And Spir - it now be giv - en.

Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way  
 And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when per - plexed,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, Whom heaven and earth 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.  
 The God who was, and is, And shall be ev - er - more.