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Order of Worship, First Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

This Sunday is known as “Christ the King” Sunday. Traditionally, Christ the King Sunday is the very last Sunday on the calendar of the Christian year, which begins again next Sunday with the beginning of the season of Advent. In the face of our chaotic, divided world that often seems ruled by the forces of darkness—Christ the King Sunday is meant to remind us that in the end, God does reign over all things; that consequently, as St. Julian of Norwich said in the fourteenth century, “All is well. And, all shall be well.” Christ the King Sunday says our task is to not only to trust in this truth, but to live the kind of lives through which the Holy Spirit of God can work to bring the full reign of Christ to fruition in all creation!

Words of Welcome

Sam Daniels

Announcements

Rev. Stephanie Ells

Prelude

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

arr. Long

For Prayer and Reflection:

Christ is the King over all the earth! In this service, let us joyfully submit to his rule; worshipping Jesus in spirit and truth; receiving with open hearts and minds the vision for how to live in homage to him every day of our lives, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7, NRSV

O come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Opening Prayer

***Hymn of Praise**

“We Bow Down”

Twila Paris

You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life,

Lord of the land and the sea;

You were Lord of the heavens before there was time,

And Lord of all lords You will be.

We bow down, and we worship you Lord (3x)

Lord of all lords You will be.

You are King of creation and King of my life,

King of the land and the sea;

You were King of the heavens before there was time,
And king of all kings You will be.

We bow down and we crown You the King (3x)
King of all kings You will be.

Call to Confession

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.

Silent Confession *(Here let each worshiper offer silent, personal prayers of confession)*

Declaration of Forgiveness

***Gloria Patri #734**

“Glory Be to the Father”

Greatarex

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.

Children’s Message

Special Music

“Our Father”

Fr. Beck

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 100:1-5

Sermon

****Hymn of Response***

“Lord, Reign in Me”

Brenton Brown

Over all the earth, You reign on high
Every mountain stream, every sunset sky
But my one request, Lord my only aim
Is that You'd reign in me again.

Chorus: Lord reign in me, reign in Your power
Over all my dreams, in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am
So won't You reign in me again?

Over every thought, over every word
May my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
‘Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing
So won't You reign in me again? (Chorus)

***Affirmation of Faith**

****The Heidelberg Catechism Q. 122**

Q. What does the first petition mean?

A. “Hallowed be your name” means: Help us to truly know you, to honor, glorify, and praise you for all your works and for all that shines forth from them: your almighty power, wisdom, kindness, justice, mercy, and truth. And it means, Help us to direct all our living—what we think, say, and do—so that your name will never be blasphemed because of us but always honored and praised.

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People 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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***Sending Hymn #342**

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Darwall’s 148th

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Our Savior, Jesus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail, he rules both earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope for Christ the Judge shall come
To gather all his saints to their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

“Thanksgiving Flourish”

Broughton

**Those who are able, please stand*

***Worship Note: The Heidelberg Catechism, written in 1563, was conceived originally as a teaching instrument to promote religious unity in the Reformed tradition. It is one of the confessions included in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions.*

Leaders in worship:

Liturgist: Rev. Beth McCaw

Preacher: Rev. Stephanie Ells

Music Director & pianist: Kristen Eby

Special Music Director: Jill Klinebriel

Soloist: John Eby

Musicians: Alex Eby, John Eby, Linda Longfield

Technical Directors: Bryan and Sara Blair

Lectionary Reading for November 29

Isaiah 64:1-9

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:24-37

“Lead On, O King Eternal”

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