



November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

GATHERING IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

Boldface = All speak

❖ = All who are able, please stand.

PRELUDE..... "Victory in Jesus" *E.M. Bartlett*
"The King Is Coming" *William J. Gaither*

WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT..... "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are God's.

We are God's people, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving.

Give thanks to God; bless God's name.

For the Lord is good; God's steadfast love endures forever.

God's faithfulness is from generation to generation. Let us worship God!

❖ **HYMN** "For the Beauty of the Earth" vs 1, 3 & 5..... **#14**
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❖ **CALL TO CONFESSION & PRAYER**

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. (a time for silent confession) Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin so that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

❖ **AFFIRMING THE PEACE AMONG US**

The peace of Christ be with you! And also with you!

The children may go back to Sunday School at this time.

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HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus" vs 3-4 **#83**

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1st SCRIPTURE READINGPsalm 100, pg. 858

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM..... "Worthy Is the Lamb"

(Words and music by Darlene Zschech, arranged by Lloyd Larson)

2nd SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46, pg. 1415

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MESSAGEThe Rev. Sara K. Snowden

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

❖ **HYMN** "In the Singing" **#533**

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PEOPLES PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER (*p. 35 in the hymnal*)

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right... ..song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And now, lest we... ..proclaim the mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Merciful God, send now... ..The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

SHARING THE MEAL

Those who wish to partake of communion within the sanctuary are invited to come forward to receive a piece of bread (gluten-free bread is available upon request) and a cup of grape juice.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out into the world to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live in your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

❖**HYMN** "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation" **#503**
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OFFERING DEDICATION PRAYER

DOXOLOGY Genevan Psalter (Public Domain)..... **#606**

GOING FORTH TO SERVE

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT & SERVE

❖**HYMN** "The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound" vs 1-4..... **#766**
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❖SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE..... "Lead On, O King Eternal" *Henry Smart, Arr. by Norman J. Clayton*

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Today's communion liturgy was adapted from the Wild Goose Worship Group's A Wee Worship Book (1999).*

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