

CHRIST the KING



November 26th, 2023

Gathering

During the Prelude we invite you to greet one another with love outside the Chapel, and allow those within to meditate, pray or just listen.

Prelude “Crown Him With Many Crowns” arr. by Barbara Boertje

Welcome

*Call to Worship

*congregation please stand in body or spirit

Leader: Let the trumpet blast! Let the ram’s horn sound!

People: Christ the King reigns over all!

Leader: Let the earth shout and the heavens declare:

People: Christ the King reigns over all.

Leader: Let the mountains and rivers and seas proclaim:

People: Christ the King reigns over all.

Leader: Let the angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim
announce the news:

People: Christ the King reigns over all.

Leader: Let the people of God join the everlasting refrain:

People: Christ the King reigns over all.

*Opening Hymn #2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Poem “A Poem for the Feast of Christ the King” by Pamela Cranston

See how this infant boy
lifted himself down
into his humble crèche
and laid his tender glove of skin
against splintered wood—
found refuge in a rack
of straw—home
that chilly dawn,
in sweetest silage,
those shriven stalks.

This outcast king lifted
himself high upon his savage cross,

extended the regal banner
of his bones, draping himself
upon his throne—his battered feet,
his wounded hands not fastened
there by nails but sewn
by the strictest thorn of love.

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy and righteous King, you are the sovereign ruler of the universe, lord of time and space, redeemer of creation and judge of every human heart. We confess that our lives have not reflected this truth this week. We have lived fearfully instead of boldly, ineffectually instead of full of power and grace. We are sorry, God. May the cleansing flood of your forgiveness renew our hearts and minds that we may walk in faith and power, trusting that in you, all will be made right.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The King of Glory delights to pardon your sin and crown you with everlasting life. Can there be any better news than this?
Friends, hear it and believe:

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Give glory to God! Amen.**

*Musical Response #587 “Alleluia!” (sing twice)

*Passing of the Peace of Christ

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures: Revelation 1:4-8

Leader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church!

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon “The Unchanging Christ”

*Hymn #268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” vs. 1, 3, 4

Time for Response to Sermon

Joys and Concerns and Pastoral Prayer

Leader: Lord in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers

The Lord’s Prayer

Announcements

Sending

*Closing Hymn #260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus” vs. 1 & 4

*Benediction

Postlude

“Give Thanks”

by Henry Smith

Feel free to stand, chat and generally share in Fellowship as the Postlude sends us out into the world in Love.

We welcome all who worship with us this day. May you experience God’s presence and find inspiration for your journey of faith. This morning the leaders in worship are:

Rev. Michelle Fincher, Pastor; **Heidi Thomas**, Music Director;

Judy Viccellio, Piano; **Edie Lovegren**, Liturgist; **Ryan Hodel**, Zoom Host

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