



Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "For the Fruit of All Creation"

Hymn #396

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

All: Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Liturgist: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

All: For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations. *Psalm 100*

* **All Singing: 219 "Jesus Shall Reign"**
Singing verses 1, 3, 4, and 5

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 510 "Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down"**
Singing twice

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”

CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: This is the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

Liturgist: We proclaim Christ as King, yet the way we live often proclaims our lack of faith in his power to deal with the world. Let us confess the incongruity between our faith and practice:

All: We confess to you, Lord, our lack of trust. While we sing of your lordship over all creation, we have too often acted as though you are powerless in the face of today's events. Help us to live with confidence in your presence today and in hope for life with you forever.

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that you may know him better.

All: May the eyes of our hearts be enlightened in order that we may know the hope to which we were called, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Liturgist: That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms –

All: far above all rule and authority, all power and dominion, and every name that can be invoked, not only in this present age but also in the one to come.

Liturgist: And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. *Ephesians 1:15-23 adapted*

* **All Singing: 220 “At the Name of Jesus**
Singing verses 1, 2, 5, and 6

Liturgist: Therefore, as a prisoner for the Lord, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you’ve received.

All: May we be completely humble and gentle; bearing with one another in love.

Liturgist: Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

All: For we were called to one body and one Spirit, one hope, one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father for all, who is over all and through all and in all. *Ephesians 4:1-6 adapted*

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All Singing: 528 “Come and Fill Our Hearts with Your Peace”
Repeating...

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-46

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Body of the King

* **All Singing: 309 “The Servant Song”**

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING November: Stewardship Month – General Fund

OFFERTORY “The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns” J. Wyeth

* **All Singing: 492 “Come Thou Almighty King”**
Singing verse 4

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Sending

* BENEDICTION

* **All Singing: “Father, Let Your Kingdom Come”** Porter’s Gate

Refrain:

Hallelu, hallelujah! Father, let your kingdom come (x4)

May the works of my hands bring You joy (x4) Refrain

May the words from my mouth speak your peace (x4) Refrain

**You make all things new, You make all things new
In places we don’t choose, You make all things new Refrain**

Postlude: “Rejoice the Lord is King” arr. Alice Jordan

Worship Leaders

Organist / Flutist:	Lynn Hollender	Acolyte:	Lillian Post
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Mary Post
Vocalists:	Lisa, Karis & Moriah Dykstra	Prayer:	Dan Quist
Violinists:	Frances Boerman-Cornell Kathryn & Will Mouw Lynn Hollender		
Prelude Flutist:	Trinity Simpson		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Moises Pacheco		

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