



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 21, 2021

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Eternal God, Jesus taught that true power is made known in service: we are to love you, our neighbors, and ourselves, as we reveal your reign of peace. Give us the will to do this work and the grace that we may accomplish it; with you, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue in D Major
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Fischer

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come.

Many: *Grace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.*

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

Many: *The whole earth is full of God's glory.*

One: To our great comfort, we raise our voices in praise.

Many: *In the presence of the congregation we honor you, O God!*

One: Let us pray. Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power.

Many: *Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies.*

One: Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it,

Many: *in such a way that we might bear it into the world,*

One: as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are,

Many: *for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.*

*HYMN OF PRAISE: 1 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

SHOWALTER

CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. John White

King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ longs for us to know life in all its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope and forgiveness. Let us trust in the promise of the gospel as we make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. John White

Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts.

We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. John White

One: The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news!

ALL: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: (Hymn: 581)

GLORIA PATRI

*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.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

Many: *And also with you.*

MINUTE FOR MISSION: INTO THE FINAL STRETCH

Elder Robert Reeves

THE WORD

SPECIAL MUSIC

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

LaunchPad Kids

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. John White

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

ACT OF PRAISE

Let All Things Now Living
Chancel Choir Interns

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (Page 828)*

Rev. John White

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: *Thanks be to God.*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Revelation 1:4b-8 (Page 245)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: This is the word of God. The grass withers and the flower fades, but the word of the Lord endures forever.

Many: *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

Worth Waiting For

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**Congregation standing, if able*

RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Confession of 1967 (inclusive version)* Rev. John White
Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.
With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.
"Now to him who by the power within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

OFFERING

Rev. John White

OFFERTORY

Chorale Prelude on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Kaufmann

Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Doxology (Tune: 607)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*Dedicatory Prayer

Rev. John White

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

***COMMUNION HYMN: 227** *(sing 3x) Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

***HYMN: 227** *(sing 2x) Jesus, Remember Me*

REMEMBER ME

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Lord Be with You
Chancel Choir Interns

Sleeth

POSTLUDE

Toccata Liturgique
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Elliot