



CHRIST  
THE KING  
SUNDAY

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November 20, 2022

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Just as you have spoken to your people through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear the Word you speak to us today. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

**OPENING SENTENCES** (*Revelation 1:6-7 & Colossians 1:17-18*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Jesus Christ is coming to reign.

**ALL:** *To God be glory forever and ever!*

One: In Christ all things hold together;

**ALL:** *he is head of the church and Lord of all.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE**

*Nearer, Still Nearer*  
Justin Little

Lani Smith

**CHORAL INTROIT**

*Sing a New Song to the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

**\*LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

Carol Sue Keathley

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**ALL:** *Christ will reign forever and ever.*

One: The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

**ALL:** *Christ will reign forever and ever.*

One: God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

**ALL:** *Christ will reign forever and ever.*

One: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**ALL:** *Christ will reign forever and ever.*

One: The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

**ALL:** *Christ will reign forever and ever.*

One: Let us pray. Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost.

**ALL:** *Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.*

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE: 2** *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

## PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down 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 proclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace.

*ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.*

#### \*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 *We Are Forgiven*

WE ARE FORGIVEN

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

*ALL: And, also, with you.*

## THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*Beautiful Savior*  
FPC Chancel Choir

arr. by Wilberg

### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

*Libby Smith*

### MINUTE FOR MISSION: BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

*Steve Bowers*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

#### \*HYMN: 37 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Carol Sue Keathley*

### FIRST READING

*Colossians 1:11-20 (pg. 200)*

*Carol Sue Keathley*

### SECOND READING

*Luke 1:68-79 (pg. 58)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

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

*ALL: Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*The Dawn from on High will Break Upon Us*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Colossians 1:15-20*

*Carol Sue Keathley*

*Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Carol Sue Keathley*

**OFFERTORY**

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Miller

Justin Little

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

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

*Carol Sue Keathley*

**SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**\*COMMUNION HYMN: 525** *Let Us Break Bread Together*

LET US BREAK BREAD

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN: 354** *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

BATTLE HYMN

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go with Us Lord*

Tallis

Chancel Choir

**POSTLUDE**

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Stanley

Justin Little