

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

CHRIST the KING SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP *(from Psalm 48)*

One: Let us celebrate the Lord throughout the world!
All: **May the name of the Lord be honored among all people!**
One: For “great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.”
All: **Let us rejoice in the great and merciful Lord our God!**

OPENING HYMN “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” GtG 299 *(Verses 1, 2, & 4)*

One: You servants of God,
your Master proclaim,
All: **and publish abroad Christ’s wonderful name.**
One: The name all victorious of Jesus extol,
All: **whose kingdom is glorious,
who rules over all.**

One: Ascended on high,
All: **almighty to save,**
One: he still remains nigh;
All: **his presence we have.**
One: The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
All: **ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

One: Then let us adore and give him his right:
All: **all glory and power,**
One: all wisdom and might,
All: **all honor and blessing,
with angels above,**
One: and thanks never ceasing,
All: **and infinite love!**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We rejoice in you, O Lord, all the while knowing that our song frequently rings hollow. For our lives all too often deny your Lordship. We love you with only half a heart and half a soul and half a mind. The choices we make demonstrate our allegiance to other claims upon our time and energy. Yet we know enough to come before you to beg your forgiveness. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Help us to acknowledge your rightful claim over all of life, including ours. So mold our hearts that we may look to you in every thought, word, and deed. Come to us, Lord God, and make us your own. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: People of God, the mercy of the Lord is from
everlasting to everlasting—
Believe this good news:
God loves us, forgives us,
and frees us from our sins;
therefore be at peace.

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

(From your seat, a brief sign of peace may be shared: a wave of the hand, a nod of the head, etc.)

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS II Samuel 23:1-7
John 18:33-37
Revelation 1:4(b)-8

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON “The Upside Down and Right Side Up King” by Pastor Bill Vincent

HYMN “At the Name of Jesus” GtG 264

1. **At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning**

was the mighty Word.

2. **Humbled for a season
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;**

3. **Bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast,
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.**

4. **Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,**

**Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Confessions)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Hear our prayer...
People: ...**Lord of all life.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Contemporary)*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

With joy we celebrate your power and presence, O Lord. Thank you for your tender guidance of us. Thank you for your abundant providing for us. Thank you for your gracious love to us. May we, in our thoughts and words and deeds, proclaim you Lord of all. Use us and all that we offer to proclaim your glory and extend your blessing to others; in Christ's name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

***CLOSING HYMN** “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” GtG 267

1. Come, Christians, join to sing:

Alleluia! Amen!

Loud praise to Christ our King:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice,

before his throne rejoice;

praise is his gracious choice:

Alleluia! Amen!

2. Come, lift your hearts on high:

Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky:

Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend;

to us he'll condescend;

his love shall never end:

Alleluia! Amen!

3. Praise yet our Christ again:

Alleluia! Amen!

Life shall not end the strain:

Alleluia! Amen!

On heaven's blissful shore

his goodness we'll adore,

singing forevermore:

Alleluia! Amen!

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

Pastor: ...And let the gathered people of God say...

People: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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