

WORSHIP FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024

Pacific Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church of Union, Missouri

CHRIST the KING SUNDAY

GATHERING

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come,
**All: Let us prepare our hearts and minds to worship Jesus Christ,
our Lord and King, our Messiah, our Savior...**
One: ...who delivered us and freed us from our sins,
who rules with compassion and grace.
All: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** “Rejoice, the Lord Is King!” GtG 363

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**2. Our Savior, Jesus, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.**

(continued...)

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

**4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ, the Judge, shall come
and gather all the saints
to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

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UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, however much we call you Lord,
we yield to you only fragments of our lives.
We expect to serve you with what remains
after we have indulged our desires.
We seek power and security
while you call us to service and hospitality,
We hate our neighbors,
whom you call us to love.
We identify more with the nations on our passports
than with your kingdom.
Forgive us, merciful Savior.
Forgive our greed, our lack of trust.
Forgive our failure to claim you.
Restore us in your love,
and reclaim us as your people.
Forgive us as your children,
and teach us what it means to follow and to serve,
even at the cost of our lives;
for the sake of your life for us. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**One: Let us rejoice in the goodness and grace of the Lord!
All: Through the death of Christ we are forgiven.
By the resurrection of Christ we are given new life.**

(continued...)

One: So rejoice and be glad, and celebrate the good news of God's grace!
All: **For in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, we are loved,
we are given new life. Alleluia! Thanks be to God!**

THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.
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 READING Selected verses from Mark 14:1-16:8

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON "Expectations of a King. Needs of a People." by Pastor Bill Vincent

***HYMN** "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" GtG 274

**1. You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd.
You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
You, peace-maker and sword-bringer
of the way you took and gave.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, whom we both scorn and crave.**

**2. Clothed in light upon the mountain,
stripped of might upon the cross,
shining in eternal glory,
beggared by a soldier's toss,
you, the everlasting instant;
you who are both gift and cost.**

**3. You, who walk each day beside us,
sit in power at God's side.
You, who preach a way that's narrow,
have a love that reaches wide.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our pilgrim guide.**

(continued...)

**4. Worthy is our earthly Jesus!
Worthy is our cosmic Christ!
Worthy your defeat and victory;
worthy still your peace and strife.
You, the everlasting instant;
you, who are our death and life.**

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***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from “*A Declaration of Faith*”)

**Jesus is our living Lord.
Jesus was dead and buried,
but God raised him from the dead.
The risen Lord appeared to his followers.
They recognized him as their Master
who had been crucified.
Before Jesus left them,
he commissioned them to proclaim to all people
the good news of his victory over death,
and promised to be with them always.
We are certain that Jesus lives.
He lives as God with us,
touching all of human life with the presence of God.
He lives as one of us with God.
Because he shares our humanity
and has bound us to himself in love,
we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.
We declare that Jesus is Lord.
His resurrection is a decisive victory
over the powers that deform and destroy human life.
His lordship is hidden.
The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.
But his lordship is real.
It demands our loyalty and sets us free
from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

(continued...)

**We maintain that ultimate sovereignty
now belongs to Jesus Christ
in every sphere of life.**

Jesus is Lord!

He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end.

Even now he is Lord.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: King of kings, Lord of lords...

All: ...hear us in your might and mercy.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Traditional)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

OFFERING

Invitation

Reflection

**Unison Prayer of Dedication*

Out of the abundance of your love we offer gifts to you, O Lord. Take these gifts of our labor, our wealth, our time, and our lives and use them to express your everlasting kingdom of love in this world. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN “Crown Him with Many Crowns” GtG 268

1. **Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.**

2. **Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.**

3. **Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

4. **Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.**

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***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

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

All: ...Amen.

POSTLUDE

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