

# Celebration of the Lord's Day

## Christ the King Sunday

### November 26, 2017

*We are delighted to have you worship with us this morning.  
As the candles are lit and the baptismal waters are poured, let us recognize God's presence among us.*

**Prelude** Hyoun Joo Song

**Welcome and Announcements** Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Introit**

**\*Call to Worship** (based on Psalm 100)  
 Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.  
**People: Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**  
 Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is God that made us, and we are God's.  
**People: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.**  
 Leader: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise.  
**People: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.**  
**All: For the LORD is good; God's steadfast love endures forever, and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

**\*Hymn 610** "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Call to Confession** Jennie

**Prayer of Confession** (in unison)

Lord Jesus, judge of the nations: we confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed the stranger, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to these, your sisters and brothers, and in our neglect we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us: open our eyes to recognize your beloved family, and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Response Hymn** (tune 749)  
 Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!  
 We are called to be hope for the hopeless so hatred and violence will be no more.  
 We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly;  
 we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

**Children's Sermon** Rev. Andy Acton

Distribution of Worship Bags

**Prayers** Rev. Jody Andrade

**Silent Prayer**  
**Pastoral Prayer**  
**The Lord's Prayer**

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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

At the conclusion of the Christian year, the church gives thanks and praise for the sovereignty of Christ, who is Lord of all creation.

The festival of Christ the King ends the marking of Ordinary Time after the Day of Pentecost, and moves us to the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's coming into our lives as a vulnerable child.

As the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, Christ is the center of the universe, the ruler of all history, the judge of all people. In Christ all things began and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. With that in mind, we invite you to take a moment during your day and week to say this prayer:  
*Almighty God, reveal to me the greatness of your power, that I may see your presence among the lowly and the lost and know the authority and sovereignty of your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is also our humble brother. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading** Ezekiel 34: 11-16a Jody

**Anthem** (11:00) "It is Good" Chancel Choir  
 David Lantz III

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 25: 31-46 Andy  
 (Pew Bible, p. 904; Spark Bible, p.318)

**Sermon** "The Sheep of God's Pasture" Andy

**\*Affirmation of Faith** Excerpts from "A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)"  
 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. 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. We trust in God, who Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race, to live as one community. God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all the peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask the idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**\*Hymn 757** "Today We Are Called to Be Disciples"

**Offering** Please take a moment to sign the registration pad in your pew so we can welcome you personally.

**Prayer of Dedication** Jennie  
**Offertory** "Wonderful Words of Life" Hyoun Joo  
 P. P. Bliss, arranger  
**Response Hymn 592** "Doxology"

**\*Benediction** Andy

**Postlude** "Whoever Lets Our Dear God Rule" Hyoun Joo  
 by J. S. Bach

*A minister is available in the Prayer Chapel for one-on-one prayer following the worship service.*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*



**Ushers:** (8:30) Winn Story, Julie Kirouac, Beth Wilson; (11:00) Jim Belloni, Taylor Belloni, Robert Smith, Sharon and David Steingruber, Scott and Kathy Galbreath, Blaine Galbreath  
**In silent service counting today's offering:** Laura Sanders, Alan McCurdy, Linda Murphy, Don Kirch  
**Fellowship Table Hosts:** Doreen Wotocek, Kate and Michael Garrett, Paul and Rose Shane  
**Extended Session:** Ivie and Charles Goorsky  
**Acolytes:** (11:00) Katelynn Smith, Cieu Tung  
**Bulletin Assembly:** Beth Wilson