



Sunday, November 21, 2021
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
Final Week of Stewardship Season/Consecration Sunday
Monthly Youth Service Sunday & Noisy Offering

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Adult Bible Group @ 9:15 AM
 Updates in the Life & Work of the Church @ 10:30 AM
 Worship Service @ 10:30 AM
 Sunday School: Children Dismissed from Worship
 Post Worship: Fellowship Hour

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Our accessible/family friendly restroom (equipped with changing table) is located at the back of the Fellowship Hall to the right of the kitchen.

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YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

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Something to Think and Pray About:

"If GOD were our one and only desire, we would not be easily upset when our opinions do not find outside acceptance." -**Thomas A. Kempis** (*The Imitation of Christ*)

"The only way the kingdom of God is going to be manifest in this world before Christ comes is if we manifest it by the way we live as citizens of heaven and subjects of the King." -**R.C. Sproul**

"There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts." -**Albert Schweitzer**

"The only significance of life consists in helping to establish the kingdom of God." -**Leo Tolstoy**

"You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." -**Amy Carmichael**

GATHERING OF THE FAITH COMMUNITY

+ Designates all who are able please stand.

10:30 am - Ringing of the Church Bell

Prelude "**Rejoice, the Lord Is King**" Lloyd Larson, based on Darwall by John Darwall

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

In our desire to extend the welcome and love of Christ we want to call each other by name.

Please help us do so and take this time to fill out our "Registration of Attendance."

+ Opening Hymn #276 [vs. 1,3,4] "**Rejoice, the Lord Is King**"

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!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules over earth and heaven.

The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus given.

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

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come

And take His servants up To their eternal home.

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

Call To Worship (with Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon) (responsive)

[inspired by 2nd Samuel 23:1-7]

Leader: GOD of Jacob,

In the spirit of YOUR great servant, David, we want YOU to speak through us. Place YOUR words on our tongues, we pray.

PEOPLE: And forgive us, we humbly ask, when we don't say what YOU have said; when we forget that only those who rule fairly, with respect for YOU, will have light dawn on them.

Leader: Make us like sunshine after a rain -that we would help new life grow.

PEOPLE: For YOU have made our families strong and secure, and we want to honor the eternal agreements YOU have made with us.

Leader: All YOU do is good and secure, and we believe YOU can give us victory.

PEOPLE: But we can slip into sin -like thorns, we can tear each other's hands and throw one another away.

Leader: Show us mercy, then, Gracious One, when we hurt others, and grant us protection.

ALL: *For we don't want to have to handle each other with iron rods or spears. We pray to be saved from the fires -to be purified before we ever need discipline; AMEN!*

+ Sung Response #2 [vs. 1] **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”**

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

+ Noisy Offering

GATHERING AROUND THE RESURRECTING WORD OF GOD

The Christian Scriptures (New Testament)

The Gospel According to John 18:33-37

Message for The Whole Family of GOD:

**Final Week of Stewardship Season: “Good Gifts (Given and Received)”
“Out of This World”**

+ Hymn of Response #531 [vs. 1-3] **“Because I Have Been Given Much”**

*Because I have been given much, I too must give.
Because of Thy great bounty, Lord, Each day I live,
I shall divide my gifts from Thee With every brother that I see
Who has the need of help from me.*

*Because I have been sheltered, fed, By Thy good care
I cannot see another's lack And I not share
My glowing fire, my loaf of bread, My roof's safe shelter overhead,
That he too may be comforted.*

*Because love has been lavished so Upon me, Lord,
A wealth I know that was not meant For me to hoard,
I shall give love to those in need – Shall show that love by word and deed;
Thus shall my thanks be thanks indeed.*

Sharing and Responding to Our Stories-Of and Needs-for Resurrection

Prayers of The People (Joys and Concerns) and The Lord's Prayer

(using “sins” and “those who sin against us”)

Prayer Response #625 [vs. 1] **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”**

*What a Friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!*

Bringing our Gifts and Thanksgiving Before The LORD

Consecration Sunday Mission Moment: Debbie Ciesielczyk (Finance & Stewardship Chair)

Call to Offering

Offertory **“Amazing Grace (with Ash Grove)”** Early American Melody, arr. by Marilyn Ham

+ Offertory Response #770 “Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.
(REPEAT ONCE)*

*And now let the weak say, “I am strong;” Let the poor say, “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us.
(REPEAT ONCE)*

Prayer of Dedication [based on Revelation 1:4b-8] (responsive)

Leader: Holy One who offers us grace and peace,

We bring our gifts to honor YOU who is, who always was, and who is coming again.

PEOPLE: **May what we share bring glory to Jesus Christ, the Faithful Witness.**

Leader: Let our contributions serve him (the first among all who will be raised from death).

PEOPLE: **For he is the ruler of the kings of the earth, and we pray that our tithes would help to teach people about his love and the freedom from sin he offers us through his blood sacrifice.**

Leader: We want to be faithful stewards of all these resources, since YOU have made us to be priests in Christ's Kingdom.

ALL: **Grant us wisdom -that our living and giving would proclaim Jesus' glory and power. YOU are the Alpha and Omega, the All Powerful; AMEN!**

Following Jesus in Mission and Ministry

Charge and Benediction (Challenge & Blessing)

Sending Hymn #641 [vs. 1-3] “Lead On, O King Eternal”

*Lead on, O King Eternal. The day of march is come.
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home.
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong;
And now, O King Eternal, We lift our battle song.*

*Lead on, O King Eternal, Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper The sweet amen of peace.
For not with swords' loud clashing, Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy, The heavenly kingdom comes.*

*Lean on, O King Eternal. We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning Wherever Thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted over us; We journey in its light.
The crown awaits the conquest; Lead on, O God of might.*

Postlude “Come Thou Almighty King” Felice de Giardini, arr. by Stan Pethel

COMING NEXT WEEK:

1st Sunday of Advent 2021: “Give It Time (Now & Not Yet)”
Thanksgiving Sunday

Theme/Message: “Sign Language”

**Focus Text: Luke 21:25-36 (with Psalm 25:1-10)
[Advent Wreath: Jeremiah 33:14-16]**