

GILEAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Convinced of God's Grace, we affirm that there can be no exclusiveness in the body of Christ. We welcome all regardless of race, ethnic heritage, national origin, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic standing; and we encourage the full participation of all in the life of our congregation.

November 22, 2020; Christ the King Sunday, Year A
WE GATHER AROUND THE WORD

WELCOME

OPENING MUSIC

"We Gather Together"

Organ

THE CALL

Psalms 123

Leader: Lift up your eyes to the Lord—the exalted one, enthroned in the heavens.

People: Seeking compassion, seeking grace, we look to God, the giver of mercy.

Leader: Pour into God's temple; draw near to the throne of creation.

People: We worship the One who rules heaven and earth!

BLUE HYMNAL #155

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

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. God's kingdom cannot fail, Christ rules o'er 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence, through Jesus Christ, our Majesty, our Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† THE OFFERING

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE READING Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Savior Jesus Christ, the God of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know the Creator, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of God's glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of the power of God for us who believe, according to the working of this great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in raising Christ from the dead and seating Christ at God's right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And God has put all things under Christ's feet and has made Christ the head over all things for the church, ²³ and the church is Christ's body, the fullness of the One who fills all in all.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ "At the appointed time the Promised One will come in glory, escorted by all the angels of heaven, and will sit upon the royal throne, ³² with all the nations assembled below. Then the Promised One will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and the sheep will be placed at the right hand, and the goats at the left hand. ³⁴ Then the ruler will say to those at the right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Abba God, inherit the heavenly realm prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer, 'When was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did

it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then the ruler will say to those at the left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and the fallen angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'But when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then the ruler will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

SERMON

"Reign Drops Keep Fallin' on My Head"

Rev. Martin McGeachy

WE SEAL THE WORD

MEDITATION

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Organ

WE BEAR THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLUE HYMNAL #151 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

- 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.**
- 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.**

BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Organ

The flowers this week are given by Mary Temple, to the glory of God and in celebration of John Temple II and Julie Temple Stan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Flowers are available for the chancel to be dedicated in honor or memory of a loved one. Please contact Pastor Martin or Margery Amato to sign up. Please also let us know if you might be interested in a Christmas poinsettia this year.
- ▶ If you would like a hymnal to use at home for our streaming worship, please contact Pastor Martin.

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