

Grace Presbyterian Church

Worships God in Word and Sacrament at 11:00 a.m.

November 22, 2020

In the sanctuary and live streaming

The Sunday Next before Advent/The Reign of Christ the King

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring (Cantata 147) J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Arr. Myra Hess

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 478 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven Lauda Anima

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and King: Grant that the people of earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**We confess that we have not bowed before him,
and we are slow to acknowledge his rule.**

**We have pledged our allegiance to the powers of this world,
and we have failed to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Christ as Lord,
that we may be loyal ambassadors, who obey his commands ...**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 153

He Is King of Kings

He Is King

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

Ezekiel 34:1-17

Psalm 100

Unison

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;

come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is God who made us, and not we ourselves.

We are God's people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to God; bless his name.

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Diademata

The congregation sits.

Epistle

Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Separating Sheep and Shepherds

Mike Krech

"Thus says the Lord, I am against the shepherds; and I will demand my sheep at their hand."

Ezekiel 34:10 a b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 509

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

Cross of Jesus

Nicene Creed

Unison; Hymnal, page 15, Ecumenical

Gloria Patri 579

Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

Offertory Sentence

Offertory

Air

Eric Thiman (1900-1975)

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592

Old Hundredth

The congregation sits.

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Please observe social distancing as you come to one of the tables.

Carefully take a piece of bread, and/or a small cup.

Eat and drink while at the table and place the empty cup in the basket provided.

All Christians are invited to receive the Sacrament.

The pastor offers a prayer of spiritual Communion for those not receiving.

Prayer of Thanksgiving after Communion Unison

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield ourselves,

our wills and our works, a continual thank-offering to you;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction

The congregation stands to sing the

Hymn 555

Now Thank We All Our God Nun Danket Alle Gott

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or you may depart the sanctuary quietly and briskly.

Postlude

Festal March from Rinaldo G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Welcome to worship at **Grace Presbyterian Church**. Today we come to the close of the church's liturgical year, with the celebration of The Reign of Christ the King. This observance is the most recent on the church calendar, having been begun in 1925 by Pope Pius XI to affirm the lordship of Christ in the midst of the rising secularism in Europe and much of the world following World War I. For the church today, including us Protestants, The Reign of Christ the King marks the culmination of the long season following Pentecost and rightly foreshadows the coming season of Advent with its theme of Christ's second coming and judgment. (JMK)