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Grace Presbyterian Church

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

November 21, 2021

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

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude Rejoice, the Lord Is King (Darwall's 148th) arr. Jason D. Payne

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.**)

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, you gave us your Son, the beloved one who was rejected, the Savior who appeared defeated. Yet the mystery of his kingship illumines our lives. Show us in his death the victory that crowns the ages and in his broken body the love that unites heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament

2 Samuel 23:1-7

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.

Anthem Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father
Cleland B. McAfee, 1901; arr. Brandt Adams

Bob Vawter, trombone; Susan Steppe, piano

Epistle

Revelation 1:4-6

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 149 The Head That Once Was Crowned St. Magnus

The congregation sits.

Gospel

John 18:33-37

Sermon

When Truth Is King

Mike Krech

"You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 13:37b

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 151 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

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 At the Name of Jesus Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

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 now if you need to.

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God arr. Fred Bock

Based on music by Sigfrid Karg-Elert and Johann Crüger

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 whose themes include Christ's return in glory to judge the world. (JMK)

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.

Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him; Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Henry Francis Lyte, 1834; alt;
Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, John Goss, 1869

He Is King of Kings

Refrain: He is King of kings, He is Lord of lords,
Jesus Christ, the first and last, No one works like him.

He built a throne up in the air, No one works like him.
And called His saints from everywhere, No one works like Him. (Refrain)

He pitched His tents on Canaan ground, No one works like Him,
And broke oppressive kingdoms down, No one works like Him (Refrain)

I know that my Redeemer lives, No one works like Him,
And by His love sweet blessing gives, No one works like Him. (Refrain)

Text: African-American spiritual;
Tune: HE IS KING; African-American spiritual,
Arr. Joseph T. Jones (1902-1983); Adapt. Melva W. Costen, 1989

The Head That Once Was Crowned

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;
A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords Is His, is His by right,
The King of kings and Lord of lords, And heaven's eternal Light:

The joy of all who dwell above, The joy of all below
To whom He manifests His love, And grants His name to know.

To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is given;
Their name an everlasting name, Their joy the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below, They reign with Him above;
Their profit and their joy to know The wonder of His love.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1820

Tune: ST. MAGNUS; Jeremiah Clark (1670-1707); Playford's *Divine Companion*, 1709

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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.

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.

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.

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.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1851;

Tune: DIADEMATA; George Job Elvey, 1868

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.;

Stanza 3, *Rejoice in the Lord*, 1985;

Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT; Johann Crüger, 1648;

Harm. Adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840