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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

Psalms 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)

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

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

For the Bread Which You Have Broken

For the bread which You have broken, For the wine which You have poured,
For the words which You have spoken, Now we give You thanks, O Lord.

By this promise that You love us, By Your gift of peace restored,
By Your call to heaven above us, Hallow all our lives, O Lord.

With the saints who now adore You Seated at the heavenly board,
May the church still waiting for You Keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.

In Your service, Lord, defend us; In our hearts keep watch and ward;
In the world to which You send us Let Your kingdom come, O Lord.

Text: Louis FitzGerald Benson, 1924; alt.

Tune: CROSS OF JESUS; John Stainer, 1887

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