



GRACE COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 21, 2021 9:30am
7th Sunday in the Season of Thanks Giving
Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday

Gathering

PRELUDE

“Morning Song”

arr. Gilbert M. Martin

“Shaker Song”

arr. Robert J. Powell

Linda Dover, organist

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Mitch Trigger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus taught that true power is made known in service:

we are to love God, our neighbors, and ourselves

as we reveal God’s reign of peace.

May God give us the will to do this work and the grace that we may accomplish it;

Let us worship God, in Christ, and through the Holy Spirit.

HYMN 363

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King!”

DARWALL'S 148TH

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

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Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TIME WITH STEWART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, too often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers and the guidance of human leaders, instead of the power of your love; help us to turn our hearts and minds toward you. Restore us in your love, and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37 (CEB)

John Gilbert

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "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."

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM (Video)

"Fairest Lord Jesus"

arr. Charles Forsberg

Chancel Singers I Text from Münster *Gesangbuch*, 1677

Liz Chandler, Beth Lillian, Terri Monrad, Carol Syers,
Sue Trigger, Connie Richards, Patrick O'Halloran, Gene Wilson,
Tom Jennings, Mitch Trigger, Bob Dover, and Joe Hoffman

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nations, O thou of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring.

Jesus is fairer; Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host.

Jesus shines brighter; Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

SERMON

"The King in his Fullness"

Rev. Mitch Trigger

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Sending

HYMN 372

“O for a World”

AZMON

O for a World 372

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Bass) in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is primarily in the soprano part, with the alto and bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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MUSIC: Carl Gottlieb Gläser, 1828; arr. Lowell Mason, 1839
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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”

arr. Matthew H. Corl

Linda Dover, organist

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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