



First Presbyterian Church

Christ the King Sunday and Closing Worship

Order of Worship, November 20, 2022

In Person or On-line via Zoom

Leading in Worship this week: Pastor Mark Southard, Liturgist Robert Boone

Greetings and Announcements

Prelude: Sweet By & By - Joseph Webster and Amazing Grace - John Newton
The Band's name is Redeemed - the students met at the Bible Bee and this was the name of the study. Caden Roberts-guitar; Ashlyn Roberts-bass; Joel Roberts-banjo; Seth Roberts-mandolin; Lara Olsen-guitar; Hannah Cross-fiddle; Aaron Roberts-guitar

* **Call to Worship**

(L) Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people and redeemed them.

(P) **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved and called each of us by name.**

(L) Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

(P) **Blessed be the Lord God of Israel!**

* **Opening Prayer**

God of all times and all places, be with us in this time and this place. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, 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.

* **Hymn #597 "We Gather Together"** (All hymns in Sing Joyfully)

Call to Confession

We do not merely confess our sins in the hope of forgiveness; we confess our sins with the certainty of forgiveness. For the apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness, and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so with that promise, that assurance, that redemption, we confess our sins before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen.

(A time of silent prayer for personal confession)

Words of Assurance

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours through faith in the Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven, and be at peace. The peace of Christ be with you all.

(P) **And also with you.**

* **Response:** Gloria Patri #620

An Introduction to the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own that, by the power of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today. Amen.

First Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-3, 9-11

Second Reading Colossians 1:11-20

Special Music: I'll Fly Away-Albert Brumley; Redeemed Band

Gospel Reading: Luke 1:68-79

Meditation: "Time"

* Hymn #16 "How Great Thou Art"

Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Affirmation of Faith - (Apostles Creed)

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Litany of the Gratitude

Eternal God, whom the highest heaven cannot contain, much less a building made by human hands,

hear our prayer.

For the Church universal, of which this building has been a symbol,

we praise you, O God.

For all the saints who, in times past and present, have formed a congregation of your people and have met in this place to offer their prayers and praise to you,

we praise you, O God.

For those who have been made your children by adoption and grace, who in this place were cleansed of sin, buried with Christ in the waters of baptism, and raised to new and eternal life,

we praise you, O God.

For your presence whenever your Word has been proclaimed and your sacramental gifts of bread and wine received,

we praise you, O God.

For your blessing upon each of your children, welcomed and nurtured here,

we praise you, O God.

For all who came to ask your blessing in marriage, seeking to love with your love,

we praise you, O God.

For faithful stewards who have lived for others, serving you by loving neighbors,

we praise you, O God.

For all who were gathered from this place, having lived this life in faith, who now live eternally with you,

we praise you, O God.

For the knowledge that your church and your ministry among us will continue today, tomorrow, and forever,

we praise you, O God,

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Call to Stewardship

The blessed apostle Paul sings the praises of our Lord Jesus Christ, the firstborn of all creation; in whom all things in heaven and on earth were created.

Let us affirm God's sovereignty over all creation, continuing our worship through the offering of our gifts to the Lord.

Offertory - Janice Shinn

* Doxology #623 "Praise God"

*** Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted your favor to your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom.

And so we offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Jesus the Christ, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites all those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, creator and ruler of the universe. You fashioned this world in love, and govern all the earth with grace and peace. Nations and monarchs rise and fall, but your reign is for all time, and your mercy is without end. In love you made us to love and serve you. When we turned from you and bent our knees to gods of our own making, you spoke through prophets to bring us back to your ways. You gave us a vision of your holy kingdom that we might hunger after righteousness and thirst for justice, and long for the day when peace will triumph over the pride and greed of nations. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with the servants around heaven's throne and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Born as king in David's line, he lived with the lowly and cared for the least of your children. His power was revealed in weakness, his majesty in mercy. His captors knelt to mock him, giving him bruises instead of praise, and piercing thorns for a crown. His only earthly throne was a cross on which to die. Even there his arms stretched out to embrace friends and foes in love. From the grave you raised him to your right hand where he rules again from heaven, and commands true loyalty from peoples and nations.

We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread, and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this wine and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising as we await the day of his coming.

With thanksgiving we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice dedicated to your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit unite us with the living Christ and with all who are baptized in his name, that we may be one in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Lead us, O God, to conform this world to your kingdom of love, justice, and peace. Help us to live as the Lord requires: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you, our

God. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

“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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.”

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen.

Looking Forward: Introduction of the Rise Up church leadership.

Clayton and Jessica Pappan, Ryan and Chelsea Chapman

Hymn # 534 “Rise Up, O Saints of God” (let’s sing “saints” rather than men)

Charge and Benediction

Go forth in the name of the Lord. This is God’s charge: to give our allegiance to Jesus Christ and to love one another as he commanded.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and remain with you always.

Closing circle and Parting Song: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for to visit, reminisce and have some delicious refreshments and snacks.