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CHRIST THE KING / REGIN OF CHRIST

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“It will be a kingdom that cannot be described, but only made known in metaphors: as the new covenant, the seed springing up, the ripe harvest, the great banquet, the royal feast.” ~ Hans Küng

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Rev. 1:6-7*)

Jesus Christ is coming to reign. **To God be the glory forever and ever!**

PRELUDE PARTITA ON O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT BMV 767
J.S. Bach

***LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST**

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of the Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

Come, let us worship Christ our King. **Amen.**

HYMN COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME GTG #367
Text by Henry Alford; Music by George Job Elvey (ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR)

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. [Time of Silent Confession]

***RESPONSE** **LORD, HAVE MERCY** GTG #551
American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx LAND OF REST

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (*Col. 1:13-14*)

In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven!**
Thanks be to God. Amen.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

ALLELUIA **HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!** GTG #591
Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell HALLE HALLE

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Ask Pastor David

May God be with you there.
May God be with you here.

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

RESPONSE **THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET** GTG #458
Text by Amy Grant; Music by Michael W. Smith THY WORD

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

HEBREW BIBLE RUTH 4:13-17 / 2 SAMUEL 23:1-5 NRSV
Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God’s people.
Thanks be to God.

CHORAL ANTHEM **WE GATHER TOGETHER** GTG #336
Text attr. Adrianus Valerius, trans. Theodore Baker KREMSER

GOSPEL LESSON MATTHEW 1:1-17 NRSV

SERMON CHRIST THE “NEXT-OF-KIN” Rev. Wigger

~ **RESPONDING TO THE WORD** ~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*from Philippians 2:5-11: “The Christ Hymn”*)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death — even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

***RESPONSE**

DOXOLOGY

GTG #606

***DEDICATION OF STEWARDSHIP** (*See Insert*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let your will be done, **on earth as in heaven.**

~ **SENDING** ~

HYMN

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE’ER THE SUN

GTG #265

Text by Isaac Watts; Music attr. John Hatton

DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

PARTITA ON O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

BMV 767

J.S. Bach

Please join us in the gathering room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

GTG = Glory to God Hymnal; NRSV = New Revised Standard Version

Pieces of today’s liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA);

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DEDICATION OF STEWARDSHIP



One: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

All: **You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

One: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

All: **We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

One: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

All: **Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

God has measured out a portion of faith to each one of you. We have many parts in one body, but the parts don't all have the same function. In the same way, though there are many of us, we are one body in Christ, and individually we belong to each other. We have different gifts that are consistent with God's grace that has been given to us. If your gift is prophecy, you should prophesy in proportion to your faith. If your gift is service, devote yourself to serving. If your gift is teaching, devote yourself to teaching. If your gift is encouragement, devote yourself to encouraging. The one giving should do it with no strings attached. The leader should lead with passion. The one showing mercy should be cheerful.

~ Romans 12:4-8