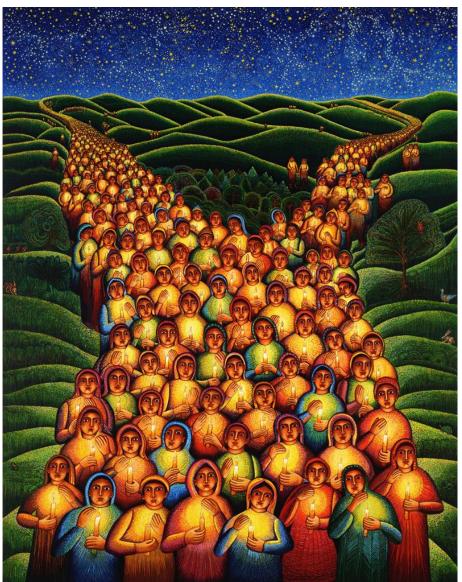


commit your work to the LORD and your plans will be established Proverbs 16:3 INDEPENDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH est. 1837

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REIGN OF CHRIST / CHRIST THE KING

Dedication Sunday ~ November 20, 2022



C.J. Briggs, Music Director Julie Lehmann, Church Secretary Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her king! ~ Isaac Watts

~ GATHERING ~

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (Psalm 100:3)

The Lord is God; we are God's people.

We are the sheep of God's pasture.

PRELUDE

*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	Jesus, Remember Me	GTG #227
	by the Taizé Community	

CHILDREN OF GOD

POURING THE BAPTISMAL WATERS

All: May God be with you there. Kids: May God be with you here.

***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. *[Silent Confession]*

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY American folk melody

*Assurance of Pardon

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

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

*INSTRUMENTAL

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON	LUKE 23:33-43	(NRSV)
Hear what the Hol	y Spirit is telling God's people. Thank	s be to God.
Hymn	GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE by James Montgomery	GTG #22 0 redhead 76
EPISTLE LESSON	2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15	(NRSV)
Sermon	LIFE-GIVING GIVING	
Response	AMEN Anon. Danish	GTG #601

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (From The Heidelberg Catechism, Q.31)

Why is Jesus called "Christ," meaning "anointed"?

Because he has been ordained by God the Father and has been anointed with the Holy Spirit to be our chief prophet and teacher who fully reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our deliverance; our only high priest who has delivered us by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father; and our eternal king who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom he has won for us.

***INVITATION TO THE OFFERING**

*RESPONSE

DOXOLOGY

***DEDICATION OF OUR STEWARDSHIP**

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

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

We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity.

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

We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we commit our work to you, following you with heart, mind, and soul.

Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love and work toward establishing your plans for our church. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

~ SENDNG ~

*Hymn	JOY TO THE WORLD	GTG #134
	by Isaac Watts	ANTIOCH

*BENEDICTION

*Response	GOD BE WITH YOU TILL WE MEET AGAIN	(verse 1) #541
	by Jeremiah Eames Rankin	RANDOLPH

POSTLUDE

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