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Celebrating our history, we look toward our future.



The Order of Worship

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2017

WELCOME. *We are delighted to have you with us this morning!
Following worship, please join us for fellowship and refreshments.*

Large Print Hymnals and Children's Activity Bags
are available from the Usher.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

One: In poverty and simplicity, Jesus came to be one of us.

All: In humility and love, Jesus lived and served among us.

One: In strength and hope, Jesus struggled and dies with us.

All: In wisdom and honor, Jesus rose and reigns for us.

One: In wisdom and power, Jesus rules the world
as King of kings.

All: Let us celebrate and proclaim the power of Jesus' holy name.

One: Let us worship the power of Jesus' name!
Let us worship our God.

***Hymn #263** *“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”*

*Prayer of Confession:

One: The proof of God's love is this: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**All: 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.**

One: Our prayers continue in silence.... Amen.

***The Assurance of Pardon**

One: Shout for joy, people of God!

**All: The God who was and is and is to come
loves us, forgives us, and renews us.**

One: Rejoice and be glad!

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***Celebration of Our Pardon**

Hymn #363 "*Rejoice, the Lord is King*" verse 1 and 2

Rejoice – the Lord is King! The Lord and King adore!

Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, And triumph evermore:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again, I say rejoice!

***Jesus the Savior reigns, The God of truth and love;
When he had purged his stains, He took his seat above:***

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!

Rejoice, again, I say rejoice!

***The Peace**

One: Since God has forgiven us in Jesus Christ,

All: Let us forgive one another.

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share the signs of peace with one another.

*You are invited to greet those around you
with words and signs of God's reconciling peace.*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:15-20 and Philippians 2:5-11

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Who Were You Expecting?"

***Hymn #268** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Affirmation of Faith - from *A Declaration of Faith*

We declare that Jesus is Lord.

His resurrection is a decisive victory

over the powers that deform and destroy human life.

His leadership is hidden.

**The world appears to be dominated by people and systems
that do not acknowledge his rule.**

But his lordship is real.

**It demands loyalty and sets us free from fear
of all lesser lords who threaten us.**

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty

now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life.

Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning.

He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord. Amen.

Reception of Tithes & Offerings

***Offertory Response**

*His kingdom cannot fail – He rules o’er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell, Are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again, I say rejoice!*

***Offertory Prayer**

The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer (Ecumenical)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

***Hymn #267 “*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*”**

***Charge and Blessing**

***Response**

Hymn #273 “*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.*

(sung through twice)

Postlude

Prayer Requests/Prayer Chain: Prayer requests can be written on the blue cards found on the table at the back of the Fellowship Hall. Pass the card to the pastor during the Passing of the Peace.

This service is broadcast each Sunday on station KDWA 1460 AM/97.7 FM, and is lived streamed on www.kdwa.com.