

SPRING HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020

Christ the King Sunday

VOLUNTARY

“Cello Sonata in E Minor”

Antonio Vivaldi

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Alternative Gift Market

Vera Lynn Sheets

OPENING PRAYER

Presbyterian Church (USA) *Book of Common Worship*

Righteous God, in Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior,
you pour out your power for the powerless
and your salvation for the lost.
You have crowned 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

*HYMN No. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (*music attached online*)

INVITATION TO OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God; from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SOLO

“Ride On, King Jesus”

African-American spiritual
arr. Hall Johnson

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 2:5-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
*who, 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 that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Welcome to Worship!

If you would like to learn more about Spring Hill Presbyterian Church in Mobile, AL, we invite you to visit our website:

www.SHPC.us.

Visitors are invited to sign the friendship register in each pew.

All God’s children are welcome in worship.

Children will stay in the pews with their family. The Fellowship Hall is available with video feed of the service for families who might need more space to move around.

Hymns & Music: For the safety of all, we will not sing hymns together for in-person worship. We do invite you to locate the hymn text in the bulletin and meditate on it while the cantor sings.

Children’s Message: Our younger worshipers will stay in the pews with their families instead of coming forward for the Children’s Message.

Offering: Offering plates will not be passed but are located at each exit to the building. If you would like to make a contributions to the church online (for one-time or recurring gifts) visit our secure online giving platform at www.shpc.us/giving. You can also place pledge cards in the offering plates or make your pledge online at www.SHPC.us/pledge.

MEDITATION

“Bowling before a Crucified King”

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE & THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the *Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 1934

Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords--areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him. As the Church of pardoned sinners, we have to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with our faith as with our obedience, with our message as with our order, that we are solely Christ's property, and that we live and want to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. Amen.

*HYMN No. 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

(music attached online)

CHARGE & BENEDICTION *(please be seated and wait to be dismissed)*

VOLUNTARY

“Rejoice, the Lord is King”

Charles Callahan

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Dr. Patrick Jacobs, Cantor

Mary Helen Harper, Cellist

Dr. Randall Sheets, Director of Music Ministries & Organist

Liam Harper, Audio/Visual Technician

Rev. Anna Fulmer Duke, Associate Pastor

Dr. Buz Wilcoxon, Senior Pastor



The Lord's Prayer and Affirmation of Faith will be spoken by the liturgist. Please pray/affirm the words silently.

The Theological Declaration of Barmen was written by **Karl Barth** and adopted by a group of German Reformed and Lutheran church leaders. It was written as a response of resistance to the Nazi takeover of the German Christian Church, which sought to combine nationalism and a distortion of Christianity that would answer to the government. The Declaration of Barmen is based upon biblical affirmations of the lordship of Jesus Christ, and it insists that it is idolatrous for the Church to serve any other lord (including the State).

At the conclusion of the service, ushers will be present in each aisle to dismiss you from your seat in a safe, orderly fashion (one pew at a time). Please exit the sanctuary through the doors closest to your pew.

While exiting the church campus, please continue to observe social distancing. Keep masks on and at least a 6-foot distance from other worshippers.

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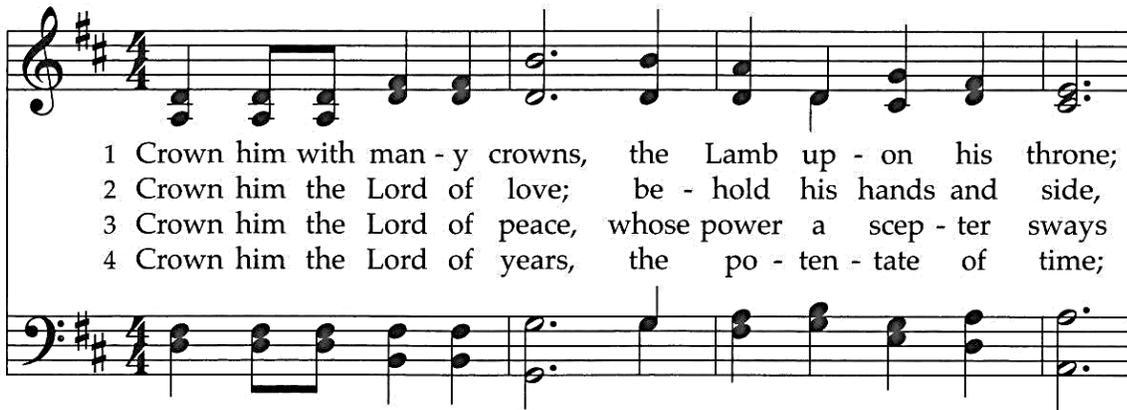
“To glorify God and to make disciples who witness and serve”

–The Mission Statement of Spring Hill

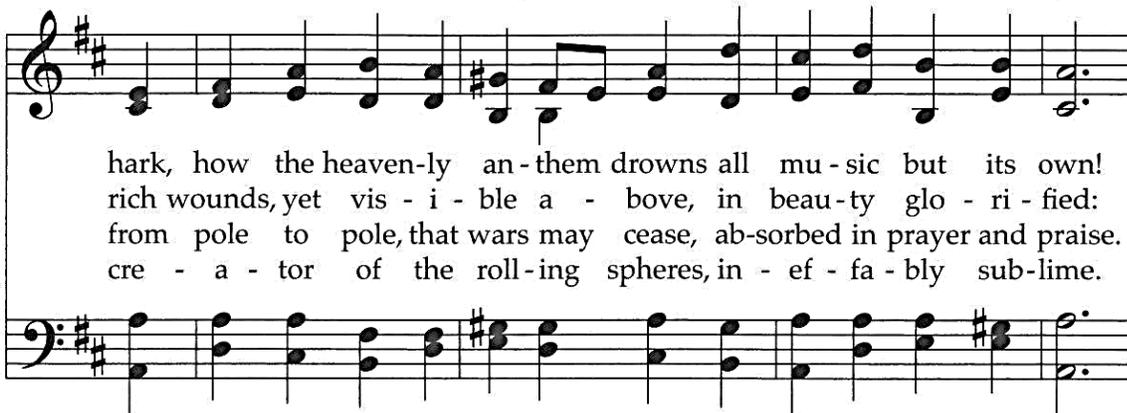
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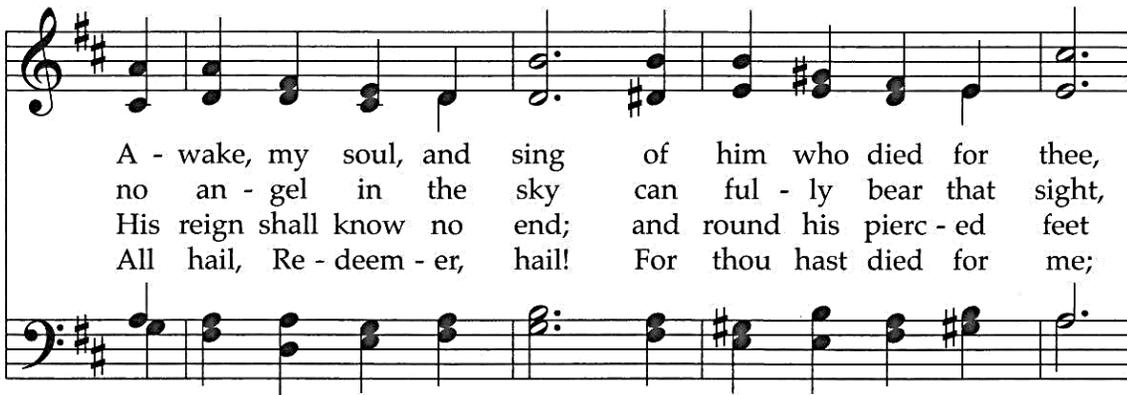
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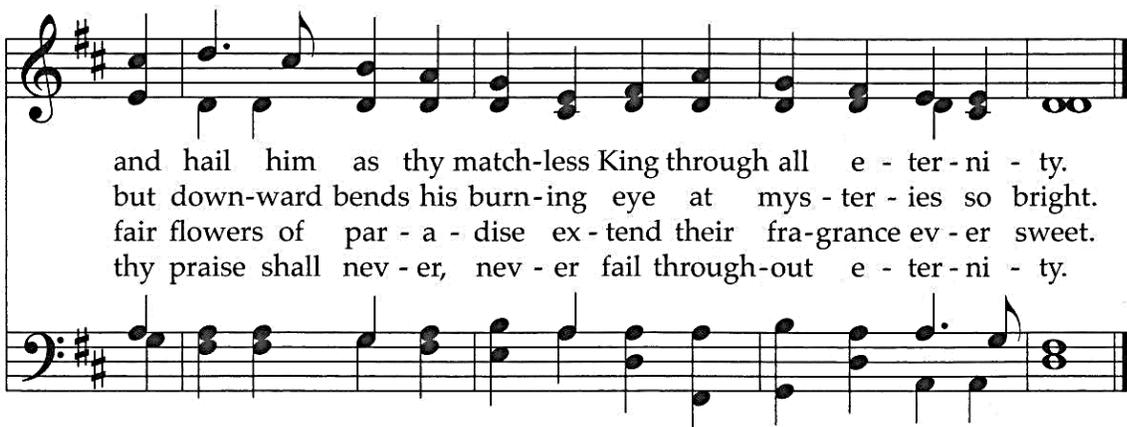
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his burn-ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra-grance ev - er sweet.
thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joyce, 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 - joyce in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

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

Re - joyce, 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-joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

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

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.