FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

Traditional Service
Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2024

The Service for the Lord's Day

WE GATHER

PRELUDE Voluntary on "Llanfair" setting — Franklin Ashdown

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is King; he is robed in majesty.
All: He has established the world; it shall never be moved
One: Your throne is established from of old
All: You are from everlasting
One: More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters
All: More majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*GATHERING HYMN — #142

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name — CORONATION

1 All hail the power of Jesus' Name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!
Hail Him who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all!

*Please stand if you are able.

3 Let every kindred, every tribe,
On this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all!

4 O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all!
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And crown Him Lord of all!

WE CONFESS

CALL TO CONFESSON

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us for our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WE LISTEN

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 18:33-37 Linda Filipovits
Leader: The word of the Lord;
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Suzanne Trump

"A Grace-Filled King"

WE RESPOND

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

*SERMON HYMN #151
Crown Him with Many Crowns DIADEMATA

1 Crown Him with many crowns,
The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity.

2 Crown Him the Lord of love;
Behold His hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above,
In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky
Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye
At mysteries so bright.

3 Crown Him the Lord of peace;
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,
Absorbed in prayer and praise:
His reign shall know no end;
And round His piercèd feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet.

4 Crown Him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For Thou has died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail
Throughout eternity.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The 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 sitteth 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.

OFFERING

Call to Give

Offertory Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart Tune: VINEYARD HAVEN, arr. Richard Dirksen

Chancel Choir

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

With all the angel choirs,
With all the saints of earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your clear hosannas raise,
And alleluias loud;
While answering echoes upward float,
Like wreaths of incense cloud.
Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest. (Refrain)
Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high,
The cross of Christ your King. (Refrain)
Hosanna, hosanna!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

*Doxology #592

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*SENDING HYMN #155

Rejoice, the Lord is King DARWALL'S 148TH

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your 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!

2 God's kingdom cannot fail,
Christ 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!

3 Rejoice in glorious hope!
For Christ the Judge shall come
To glorify the saints
For their eternal home:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune on "Gaudeamus Pariter" setting David Lasky