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NOVEMBER 22ND, 2020

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

10:30 AM

PRELUDE

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Larry Wolz

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

Ginny Ezekiel

One: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:
Many: **where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**
One: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:
Many: **where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**
One: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:
Many: **where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Charles Callahan

CALL TO REPENTANCE

PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

Ginny Ezekiel

Sovereign God, we confess before You that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have lied to ourselves and excused our actions. We are too busy taking care of ourselves and our families. We will have time later. We don't have enough resources to help ourselves and others. Someone else will do it. Forgive us for skirting our own responsibility, for making excuses, for not following Your commandments. Help us to come to You. Help us to end our excuses and instead to pick up the cross, put to death the things that are holding us back, and follow You. In Your name, the blessed name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Ginny Ezekiel

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ginny Ezekiel

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"All Earth Rejoice"

Vivaldi, arr. Hopson

Heather Benoit, Ginny Ezekiel, Kimberly Green, Rick Reed

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice,
now sing we "Alleluia, Praise the Lord." Rejoice and sing!*

*Sing "Alleluia" sing Christ reigns on high!
Sound the trumpet, sound the harp! Praise the Lord!*

*All the earth rejoice with a gladsome voice,
now sing we "Alleluia, Praise the Lord." Rejoice and sing!*

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (See Bingo Card)

Ginny Ezekiel

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

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

The Apostles' Creed

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, "**Alleluia! Amen.**"

POSTLUDE

"At the Name of Jesus"

Benjamin Culli

THE CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson
Robert Newman
Dr. Larry E. Hardin
David Renaker
Jeanie Covin
Betsy Murphy
Derek Stewart

Pastor
Program Director
Director of Music Ministry
Organist
Director of Day School
Church Administrator
Sexton

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Rick, Reed, Treasurer

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Mark Ezekiel, Clerk of the Session

PRAYER CONCERNS

- Christian Johnson asks prayers for **Rob Allonier**, brother-in-law of Joy and Rob Martin, for recovery from a heart attack
- **Doug Deslattes**, for peace and strength in his ongoing chemotherapy treatments
- Shirley Matin's daughter-in-law, **Olga Laeskaya**, who suffers from a sore knee
- **Bill Murphy**, for recovery from COVID-19
- **Janet Nebrig**, at home for recovery from breast cancer surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us today at noon for a time of food, fellowship, worship, and song. Run and pick up a picnic lunch, your lawn chair and join us on the upper lawn. Wear your masks!

Advent Devotional. Faith Formation needs your help. We are asking you to film (or Robert can film you) a devotional of your own choosing, 3 to 5 minutes long, to be used during this socially distanced Advent Season and we still have a few spots available. If you are interested in participating, or need more information, please contact Marilee Dukes by email at marileedukes@hotmail.com or Robert Newman at rnewmanspc@gmail.com We would love to have you participate!!