

**November 23, 2025**

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday

Hanging of the Greens

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Margaret Crowl

**Liturgist:** Helen Huntley

**Psalmist:** Dave Shambach

**Greeter:** Beth Miller

**Ushers:** Marie Fry, Pat & Leah Gerlach, Joy Steinberg

**Flowers:** Given by Crystal for Ona's Birthday, the best sister & friend a person could ask for!

**Early Morning Security:** Liz Bushma

**November Sanctuary Stewards:** Liz Bushma and Sharon Glass

**Director of Music:** Nancy Leffler

**Accompanist:** Nathan Secrest

**Hospitality:** The treats this Sunday are provided by the Mission Committee in gratitude for our congregation's generosity!

**Thank you for all of your support!**

# Rio Rancho Presbyterian Church

**Gathering Music**      *A Medley of Thanks*      - by Kevin Keil

**Welcome & Announcements**, including prayer concerns

**Minute for Mission**      Leah Gerlach

## **Passing of the Peace**

Pastor: The Lord be with you

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us share Christ's peace with each other.

**Introit**      *This Is the Day*      Chancel Choir

**Prelude**      *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*      - by Tedd Smith

**Call to Worship** (based on Jeremiah 23: 5-6)      Helen Huntley

Leader: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will  
raise up for David a righteous Branch,

**People: and he shall reign as king,**

Leader: and deal wisely and shall execute justice and  
righteousness in the land.

**People: In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in  
safety.**

**ALL: And this is the name by which he will be called: "The  
Lord is our righteousness."**

**\*Hymn #268**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

**Call to Confession**

Helen Huntley

**Prayer of Confession** (unison):

**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.**

**Hear now our silent prayers.**

**Silent Prayer**

**Choir Response:** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together. See insert.)

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Helen Huntley

**\*Hymn #581**

*Glory be to the Father/Gloria Patri*

**Prayer for Illumination**

Helen Huntley

**From the Psalter**      **Psalm 46**      Dave Shambach

(This can be found on p. 506-507 of your pew Bible.)

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

**All:      Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**      *How Can I Keep From Singing?*      Chancel Choir

**Reading from the Old Testament: I Samuel 8: 1-22**      Helen Huntley

**Sermon**      The Problem With Kings      Rev. Margaret Crowl

**\*Hymn**      *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*      (see insert)

(The choir will sing the first verse and refrain so the congregation can hear the tune. Then we will start over again from the beginning,)

**Choral Call to Prayer**      *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

(Please join the choir as we sing this together. See insert.)

**Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Call for the Offering**      Helen Huntley

**Offertory**      *Set Me Free*      - played by Lea Manuel

**\*Doxology**

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

**Prayer of Dedication**

Helen Huntley

**\*Sending Song #273:**      *He is King of Kings*

**Charge and Benediction**

**Choral Benediction:**      *Benediction*

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Be with you all, be with you all;  
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ  
Be with you all, Amen.*

**Postlude**

*Allegro*

- by Thomas Arne

Thank you for worshipping with us!  
We hope you felt welcomed and blessed.

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\*Please stand as you are comfortable  
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# Crown Him with Many Crowns 268

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.

Lord, Have Mercy upon Us  
Kyrie Eleison

John Merbecke

Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

# All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 143

DIADEM 8.6.6.8 with refrain

Stanzas 1-3, Edward Perronet, 1779, 1780  
Stanzas 2-3 alt. John Rippon, 1787  
Stanza 4, John Rippon, 1787

James Ellor, 1838

1. All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, Ye ran - sored from the  
 3. Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe, On this ter - res - trial  
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng We at His feet may

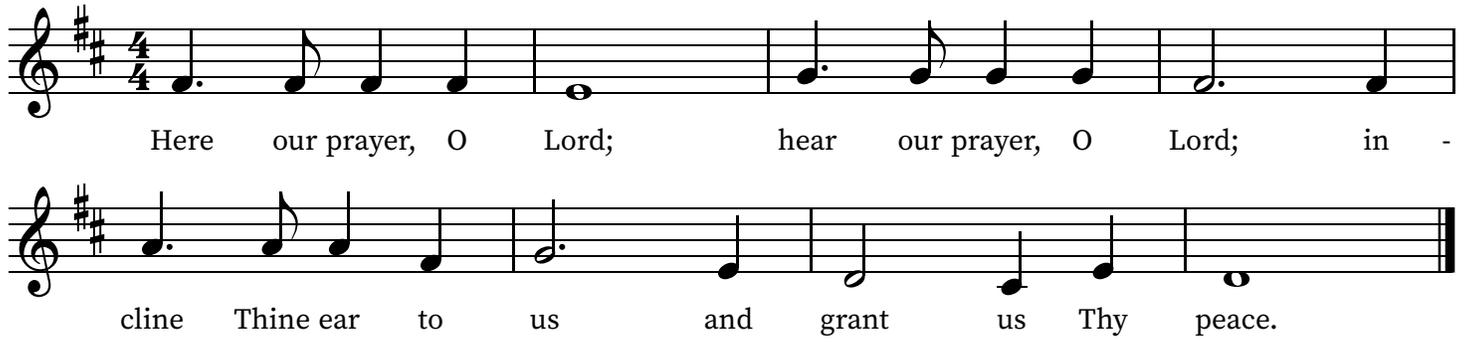
fall, Let an - gels pros - trate fall; Bring forth the roy - al di - a -  
 fall, Ye ran - sored from the fall, Hail Him who saves you by His  
 ball, On this ter - res - trial ball, To Him all maj - es - ty as -  
 fall, We at His feet may fall! We'll join the ev - er - last - ing

dem,  
 grace, And crown Him,  
 crite,  
 song, And crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,

crown Him, crown Him, crown Him, And crown Him Lord of all!  
 Him,

# Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

George Whelpton



Here our prayer, O Lord; hear our prayer, O Lord; in -  
cline Thine ear to us and grant us Thy peace.

# 273 He Is King of Kings

Refrain

He is King of kings; he is Lord of lords, Je - sus Christ, the

first and last, no one works like him. O he is no one works like him.

1 He built his throne up in the air; and  
 2 He pitched his tents on Ca-naan ground; no one works like him; and  
 3 I know that my Re-deem-er lives; and

called his saints from ev - ery - where;  
 broke op - pres - sive king - doms down; no one works like him. O he is  
 by his love sweet bless - ing gives;

D.S.

This African American spiritual is a classic example of how praise of God rises out of human experience. The repeated response "no one works like him" shows confidence that the sovereign, liberating Christ abounds with the very attribute the singers need in order to survive.