

VALLEY COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 20, 2022 † 10:00 AM

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Bold Text is spoken/sung by everyone

PASTOR: Rev. Robin Garvin

LITURGIST: Roger Rees

MUSICIANS: Thomas Rheingans, Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith

VIDEO/SOUND: Steve Rees, Jim Sandberg, Hayden Bach, Dean Bridges

GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ELEMENTS AND MUSICAL INTERLUDE

◆ CALL TO WORSHIP

Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

Let praise to God fill the earth!

Let all God's angels offer praise and rejoicing!

Let all God's creatures sing praise and joy!

Open your hearts and spirits today.

Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

◆ OPENING HYMN No. 35 (Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty)

Verse 1: ***Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!***

Verse 2: ***Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?***

Verse 3: ***Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.***

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to serve you. We confess that we are often indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your ways, that joined with those from ages past, we who have served you with faith, hope, and love, may stand among your saints, rejoicing in your saving grace. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.

CONFESSIOAL RESPONSE No. 701 (Lord, Prepare Me) (Sung two times)

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

◆ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON** (Revelation 21:5)

Listen! The one who is seated on the throne says: "See, I am making all things new. And it is finished!" Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God!

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

◆ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE** No. 743 (O God, You Are My God)

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you. I will seek you in the morning, and I will learn to walk in your ways. And step by step you'll lead me, and I will follow you all of my days.

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING (Revelation 21:1-7)

ANTHEM ("This I Believe" (The Creed) by Crocker and Fielding; Siena Hertafeld and Luke Smith, vocalists)

MESSAGE ("Life Everlasting! Amen!" by Rev. Robin Garvin)

RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

◆ **HYMN OF RESPONSE** No. 268 (Crown Him with Many Crowns)

Verse 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.*

Verse 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.*

Verse 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 pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

Verse 4: *Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time, creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime. All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast 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 at 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (Diane Meyer, Deacon)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (found on page 35 of the hymnal)

OFFERTORY (“He is King of Kings” (No. 273); Siena Hertafeld, Luke Smith, vocalists)
(Offerings can be mailed to the church office or made online by visiting our website:
www.valleycommunity.org)

◆ DOXOLOGY

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

PRAYER OF GRATITUDE

SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

◆ CLOSING HYMN No. 826 (Lift High the Cross)

Refrain: *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore his sacred name.*

Verse 1: *Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod, the Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God.* Refrain

Verse 2: *All newborn servants of the Crucified bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.* Refrain

Verse 3: *O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, your death has brought us life eternally.* Refrain

Verse 4: *So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory.* Refrain

◆ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

SENDING MUSIC