



Order of Worship

Christ the King/Reign of Christ

26th Sunday after Pentecost

November 21, 2021

Call to Worship *(from Revelation 1:4-6)*

Grace and peace to you from him who is and who was
and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
the firstborn of the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

**To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion forever and ever.**

Call to Confession

King of kings and Lord of lords, Jesus Christ longs for us to know
life in all its fullness, offering us renewal and refreshment, hope
and forgiveness. Let us trust in the promise of the gospel as we
make our confession.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory.
Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ.
We are quick to accuse and slow to confess.
We find faults easily in others
while ignoring our own shortcomings.
We have squandered your gifts.
We have turned from your ways
We have ignored your Word.

Have mercy on us, compassionate God.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives.
Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace
that day by day we might move closer to the people
you would us be. Amen.



Declaration of Forgiveness

The resurrection of Jesus shows us the grace of God is stronger than death and the love of God has no boundary. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, illumine these words by your Spirit that we might hear what you would have us hear and be who you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Amen.

Scripture readings

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith (*Philippians 2:5-11*)

Christ Jesus,
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 to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

Call for the Offering

With gratitude for God's faithfulness and with thanksgiving for all that we have received, let us bring our gifts to God.



Prayer of Dedication

O God, with faith and hope, we offer these gifts. Use them, even as you use us to accomplish your purposes in Jesus Christ, the Head of the church and the Lord of our lives. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Great God, in you is more love than we can imagine and more grace than we can fathom. You have shown yourself in Jesus Christ as a God who meets us where we are and loves us as we are. We are glad for this day and grateful for your many gifts. You bring good things into our lives, more than we can name, more than we can number. You give us the bread of life, sustaining our souls and feeding our deepest hungers. You accompany us on our way. Thank you for your abundant faithfulness.

Our hearts are full of many things today. Disease and death and pain and sorrow are constantly among us. The journey through these days is marked by uncertainty and heartache. We are frequently overwhelmed by the needs around us and within us. Some need healing, some need encouragement, some need comfort, some need assurance, we all need hope. So we turn to you asking you to hear our prayers and grant what we need for the living of these days.

We pray for our nation. We pray for renewed commitments to our common life. Refresh us in the values of your heart: justice, righteousness, compassion, mercy, peace. Help us to find a unity of purpose as citizens and neighbors.

We pray for your church in places near and far. May the waters of your grace continually refresh and empower us to extend the love of Jesus to all people. We pray for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A), for the clarity of our witness and the success of our mission. We pray for our congregation, for our life together and for our efforts to follow in the way of Jesus.

Hear us. Hold us. Heal us. Help us. For the sake of our Savior, our Lord, Jesus Christ who taught us to pray like this: *"Our Father ..."*



Charge and Blessing

Let us go from this place trusting that God is with us
and for us in every place.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the
companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you and abide
with you this day and forevermore. Amen.

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