

Presbyterian Church of Rolla
Worship Service for Christ the King Sunday

November 24, 2024

Pre-Service Music: *We Gather Together* – Darcy Stanley

Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: *Come, Thou Almighty King* – Todd Beaney

Introit #635: *Sing, Praise, and Bless the Lord* Chancel Choir

Responsive Call to Worship and Prayer of the Day

Through the power of God, Christ our Lord sits
on the throne of truth.

As we worship, may this truth guide our thoughts.

Christ our Lord sits on the throne of love.

May this love guide our hearts.

Let us worship our Lord who leads the way.

Prayer of the Day

All-powerful God, as we recognize Christ's reign, we also recognize the earthly powers that compete for our loyalty. Guide us, Lord, as we engage in the ordering of these days. Train our hearts on your truth, that your voice might lead us in all that we do. Amen.

Opening Hymn #268: *Crown Him with Many Crowns* (stand)

Call to Confession

Claiming us in love,

God beckons us to grow in that love and to reflect that love to others.

Yet sin obstructs our efforts and prevents us from living as God intends.

In penitence and faith, let us seek God's forgiveness.

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, Jesus tells us that our lives are enriched by loving you and loving our neighbors. We confess that love is hard for us. We are too selfish or too pessimistic, too hollow or too hardened, or just too tired to give ourselves to love's demands. Forgive our arrogance and our listlessness. Cleanse our hearts that we might find the strength to do what love requires and the grace to receive what love has to give. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose love has no boundary.

Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Mercy ceaselessly flows from the heart of God.

This is good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Gloria #583: *Glory to God* (please stand)

Anthem: *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* arr. Mack Wilberg

Time for sharing joys and concerns, and the prayer list.

Are there any updates to the prayer list?

Any joys or concerns to share with our faith community?

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Revive our congregations, session, Presbytery and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people.

Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

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

Hymn #839: *Blessed Assurance* (seated)

Prayer for Illumination:

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Scriptures for the Day:

Old Testament Lesson: Daniel 7:9 – 10, 13 - 14

Gospel Lesson: John 18: 33 – 37

New Testament Lesson: Revelation 1:4b – 8

Heaven and earth will pass away, but the word of the Lord is forever.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Blessed Assurance* Susan Murray

Affirmation of Faith We are Not Alone (stand)

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Dedication of Tithes and Offerings: (please be seated)

Offertory Hymn #708: *We Give Thee but Thine Own* vs. 1, 2

Prayer of Dedication:

God of abundance; you have set before us a plentiful harvest. As we feast on your goodness, strengthen us to labor in your field, and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn #265: *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* v. 1,2,4,5
(stand)

Charge and Benediction: (remain standing)

Go in peace. Live in love. **Serve the Lord**

Postlude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* – Becki Slagle Mayo

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