

For Prayer & Contemplation

"[T]here is no point in leveling an attack against selfishness, or in exhorting people to get busy and help others...[for] whether people serve themselves or serve others is not in their power to choose. This is decided wholly in terms of the kind of world in which they think they live, in terms of the kind of power they see ruling the roost. The issue lies at the level of the god they worship and not in the kind of person that they may want to be. In New Testament terms, they live or die according to the kind that holds them and the kingdom to which they belong." -*Arthur McGill*

Welcome & Sharing Information

Prelude "Let All Things Now Living" – arr. Pethel - *Sarah Carson*, clarinet

Call to Worship

One: King of Kings,
we pray in hope for your kingdom
to reign in our hearts and in our world.

All: Come and rule in our hearts, Lord Jesus.

One: Though worldly rulers abuse their power,
to exploit, abuse, and humiliate us,
you have shown us our worth
that cannot be taken away.

All: Come and rule in our hearts, Lord Jesus.

One: Though we make our own petty kingdoms
puff ourselves up with authority,
and lord it over others,
you show us the power
of humility, grace, and an open heart.

All: Come and rule in our hearts, Lord Jesus.

One: Deliver us from the wisdom of this world,
in which might makes authority,
and violence gives power.
Show us again the power of love,
how the last are made first,
and loves conquers death.

**All: Thank you, Jesus,
for being a different kind of king.
Thank you for generosity.
Thank you for kindness.
Thank you for justice.
And let us see your kingdom come.**

***Hymn No. 198** "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!"

Prayer of Confession

King of Kings,
in you we find perfect authority,
perfect humility,
and perfect love...

But we confess that we prefer our own rule over yours.
**We like the comfort of being in control.
We like the feeling of being important.
We like the freedom to take what we want.**

But it always ends in hurt, for ourselves or others.

**Forgive us, Lord, for all the hurt we've caused,
by choosing our own kingdoms over yours.
Show us how to heal those we've harmed,
with love, humility, and submission
to you, our perfect King.**

Moment of Silence

Words of Assurance (*Adapted from Titus 3:4-5*)

One: But when the goodness and loving-kindness of God our
Saviour appeared, he saved us, not because of any works of
righteousness that we had done, but according to his mercy,
through the water of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God.

***Hymn No. 581** "Glory Be to the Father"

**"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen."**

*Passing of Peace

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Anthem "Sing a Song of Thanks and Joy" – Hopson - *Sanctuary Choir*

Time with Children (Dismissal to Sunday School)

Pastor: It is time for you to depart.

Adults: God be with you there.

Children: God be with you here.

Scripture

First Reading: *2 Samuel 23:1-7*

Old Testament PG 299-300, Large Print 371-2

Second Reading: *John 18:33-37*

New Testament PG 113, Large Print 138

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon "Jesus' Kingdom" - *Rev. Drew Harrison*

***Affirmation of Faith** (*Apostle's Creed*)

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 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.**

Invitation to Offering

***Offering Hymn No. 710** "We Lift Our Voices"

**"We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we
are offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use
our lives; they are yours: we are offering. All that we have, all that
we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We
lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are
offering; we are offering."**

*Unison Prayer of Dedication

**Gracious God, your gifts are more than we deserve. We give you
our thanks as we offer up our gifts. Accept them, bless them, and
let them serve your kingdom as we do. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

*The family of Martha, Erin, Rhett, Rachel, Jamie, Beverly, Ron, the family
of Sandra, Meg, Gorman, Heather, Joanna, Dorothy, Sara, Jim, David,
Ted, William, Mimi, Rachael, Laura, Russell, Phyllis, Aaron, Nic, Douglas*

The Lord's Prayer

**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 No. 273** "He is King of Kings"

*Benediction

***Benediction Hymn No. 541** (v.1) “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”
 “God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
 with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.”

Postlude “The King Reigneth” - Kihlken

***** **Please stand as you are able.** *****

Thank you to our Worship Servers

Acolyte	Jillian Lai
Liturgist	Darlene Jacobson
Ushers	Bev Donofrio, Bobbi Wilkins
Coffee Hr. Hosts	The Downing Family

*HAPPY
Thanksgiving*



**Sanctuary
Choir**

Music Notes

Today’s prelude is based on the Welsh melody “Ash Grove.” This arrangement comes from a collection of sacred instrumental music by Stan Pethel, Hymns of Praise. The postlude is a 1993 organ composition by Henry Kihlken inspired by Psalm 97, verse 1: “The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof.” We thank Sarah Carson and the Sanctuary Choir for sharing special music with us this morning.

*We are
Thankful for
YOU!!*

<i>This Week’s Calendar</i>	
November 21-28	
<i>Sunday</i> November 21	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11:30 AM New Members Class – Agape Rm./Virtual
<i>Monday</i> November 22	6 PM Worship Staff Mtg. – Agape Room 7 PM Worship Committee Mtg. – Agape Room
<i>Tuesday</i> November 23	
<i>Wednesday</i> November 24	6:30 PM Girl Scouts – Social Hall
<i>Thursday</i> November 25	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
<i>Friday</i> November 26	
<i>Saturday</i> November 27	11 AM Youth Group Nerf War – Social Hall
<i>Sunday</i> November 28	10 AM Worship Service – Sanctuary/Livestreaming 11 AM Levite Sunday – Outdoors

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10 AM Worship Service
November 21, 2021
Reign of Christ
Rev. Drew Harrison