

The Presbyterian Church of Okemos

November 22, 2020

Christ The King Sunday



Preparation “O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.” Psalm 95: 1-3

Prelude

Thanksgiving Medley
PCO Handbell Choir

Arr. Patricia Hurlbutt

Bell Ringers: Sally Belloli, Dave & Kathi Cook,
Linda & Lou Cravotta, Barb Fretwell-Cooke,
Sarah Mayhew, Mike Moore, Helen Taylor
Director: Irene Shutt

Greeting and Announcements of the Church

Call to Worship:

One: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the “The Reign of Christ.” Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

All: **Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing.**

One: God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet, appointed the One who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

All: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

Prayer of Confession:

One: Sometimes we deceive ourselves believing that we must earn our way into God's heart. But God's grace is given to each of us, for all of us, freely, unconditionally, always. Let us open our lives to this mercy as we pray saying,

All: **Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us, the idols of power, wealth, fame, and security. We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world and have forgotten our kindred in Christ. We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth, and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

Forgive us. Call us into your reign, to declare you the One who has power over us because your power is love.

Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(Silent prayers of confession)

Promise of the Gospel

One: Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us,
and to show us the way of God is the way of love.
Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first.
Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another,
and that the most important commandment was to love God
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
This is the way of our Sovereign.
Go, knowing you are forgiven, and love and serve one another,
especially our neighbors in need, as Christ serves us. Amen.

All: **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 1-3

[Nun Danket Alle Gott]

Report from the Self-Study Team

Tom Schaberg

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 25: 31-46

Sermon

The God Who Loves Goats
Rev. Peggy Huston

Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

from A Brief Statement of Faith

Children's Sermon

Pastor Peggy

Special Music

For the Beauty of the Earth
Vocalists: Paula Zichi, Terri Grady
Matt Pearson, Doug Patterson

Setting: Craig Courtney

The Offering

Prayers of the People

Refrain: One: God of grace

All: Hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

"...forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors..."

Hymn# 363

Rejoice, the Lord is King! vs. 1,3,4

[Darwall's 148th]

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God

Setting: Paul Manz

Liturgist: Rev. Alice Fleming Townley

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