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27th Sunday after Pentecost, November 24th 2024

Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and Announcements

*\*Please stand*

Trinity Chimes

**Prelude** *Prelude on NETHERLANDS*

 Beatrice Hatton Fisk

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us enter into the presence of the One who reigns not through power but through truth.
People: We gather to celebrate a kingdom not of this world but rooted in grace, love, and justice.
Leader: In this season of Thanksgiving, we offer gratitude to Christ, who testifies to the truth that sets us free.
People: Let us listen to His voice, and give thanks for a kingdom where love is the greatest command.

**\*Hymn of Praise** 715 *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

 DARWALL'S 148th

1. Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore; mortals, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

2. Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love; when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up you voice;

rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

3. His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven; the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;

rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

4. Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come, and take his servants up to their eternal home. We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

Opening Prayer

Holy One in this season of gratitude, we are reminded of Your reign, which is marked not by dominance but by love and justice. Open our hearts to hear Christ’s voice and to live as citizens of Your kingdom, embodying the truth that reconciles, unites, and redeems. Amen.

Scripture Lesson Psalm 132:1-12 UMH 849

O Lord, remember in David’s favor
    all the hardships he endured;
how he swore to the Lord
    and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
**“I will not enter my house
    or get into my bed;**
I will not give sleep to my eyes
    or slumber to my eyelids,
**until I find a place for the Lord,
    a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.”**

We heard of it in Ephrathah;
    we found it in the fields of Jaar.
“**Let us go to his dwelling place;
    let us worship at his footstool.”**

Rise up, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
    you and the ark of your might.
**Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
    and let your faithful shout for joy.**For your servant David’s sake
    do not turn away the face of your anointed one.

The Lord swore to David a sure oath
    from which he will not turn back: **“One of the sons of your body
    I will set on your throne**.
If your sons keep my covenant
    and my decrees that I shall teach them,
**their sons also, forevermore,
    shall sit on your throne.”**

Music of Preparation *His Love Never Fails*

 by Craig Courtney

 The Chancel Choir

Gospel Lesson John 18:33-37

Sermon Giving Thanks

 Pastor Beth Rambikur

Musical Response

Prayers of the People

Prayer of Confession

Author of life, your voice brought all of creation into being. Yet too often other voices drown out your commands to forgive, to welcome, to extend grace, to seek forgiveness and to love. Cut through the noise of this world. Remind us there is truth in love and reconciliation. Your kingdom is now, it exists through our choices and actions. So let us choose as Christ did, to see you, Amen.

Pastor: Hear the Good News, Christ is among us renewing us for life with love. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Christ you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God, Amen

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

\*Passing of the Peace

Invitation to Offering

Offertory Sinamar Respicio, solo

\*Doxology 95 *Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow*

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.

\*Offertory prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** 102 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;

and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed; and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given; the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;

the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore; for thus it was, is now. and shall be evermore.

**\*Benediction** 2186 *Song of Hope*

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May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new,

faithful when we hear Christ's call.

Postlude NUN DANKET

 Bach/Fox

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