

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Reign of Christ Sunday – November 21, 2021

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Reign of Christ
Year B

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
Psalm 93
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Call to Worship

adapted from Revelation 1:5-8

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come.

We come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness; the firstborn of the dead; the ruler of the powers of the earth.

To him who loves us and frees us from our sins...

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen!

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God
Presbyterian Hymnal, #643
Mariette Siczewicz, American Sign Language

Confession*

John 18:37

Jesus said, "For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and hope with the sorrowful.

We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace.

(personal confession)

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Assurance and Passing of the Peace

Daniel 7:14b

"His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed."

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

[Revelation 1:4b-8](#)

*The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God stands forever. **Thanks be to God.***

Sermon*Jesus Is Lord***Hymn***Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
Glory to God Hymnal, #265**Affirmation of Faith**from the *Confession of 1967*
PC(USA) *Book of Confessions*, 9.53-56

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate...it is the will of God that God's purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ...

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God of all that resists God's will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the Church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the Church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to him who by the power at work in us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Call for the Offering and Doxology

Daniel 7:14a

"To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him."

Through Christ, we offer ourselves in service to God. Let us consider the gifts we have received – our time, our abilities, and our resources – and how we may give them back in love and service to others, and thereby serve the Lord.

Prayer of Dedication**[Announcements](#)****Prayers of the People****Hymn***Crown Him with Many Crowns*
Glory to God Hymnal, #268**Charge and Benediction****Postlude**