

CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Online Worship Service – Reign of Christ Sunday, November 22, 2020

Revised Common Lectionary Readings
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

Prelude

Welcome and Opening Prayer

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God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100:3-4

Know that the Lord is GOD. It is he that made us, and we are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to the LORD, bless his name.

Hymn

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #144

Confession

Ezekiel 34:11, 16

“For thus says the Lord GOD:…I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.”

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others.

Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.

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(personal confession)

Assurance and Peace

Psalm 100:5

“For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.”

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God

May the Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture

Isaiah 61:1-3
Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

Moving from Blessing to Belonging
Rev. Corenna Hoyt
State Director, Rhode Island Young Life

Hymn

Though I May Speak
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #335

Offering

Ephesians 1:17-19

"I pray...that you may know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints..."

Please prayerfully consider the time, talents, or gifts you have received, and how you can give them back to God in love and service to others.

Prayer of Dedication and the Prayers of the People

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Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence with all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church.... As you have made Christ the head of all, help us to live faithfully as his body, continuing his mission in the world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth.... Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, a song of praise to the rock of our salvation, for you are coming to reveal a new creation. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations.... Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing who abuse the weak and scatter the flock. Come and save us; bring justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community.... Help us to see Christ among our neighbors, serving those who are hungry and thirsty, naked and lonely, sick or in prison. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones.... Remember the people of your pasture: rescue the lost, bind up the broken, heal the sick, and feed those who hunger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

And now, Lord, hear us as we offer the prayers of each of our hearts...

(personal prayer)

Loving Shepherd, lead and guide us— in green pastures and by still waters, in right paths and through dark valleys, until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever; 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

Rejoice, the Lord is King
The Presbyterian Hymnal, #155

Charge and Benediction

Ephesians 1:17-18

"I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him..."

Beloved of God, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, receive the hope to which God has called you in Jesus Christ. Go in the love of God the Father, the grace of Jesus the Son, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. Amen.