

Christ the King Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Watch live: <https://youtu.be/4qjblhhwUGk>

Pre-worship Moments at 9:45 AM – A Worship and Arts Experience

(For those in the sanctuary, you can watch post service at home on our website or Facebook.)

Hymn – *God of Our Life*

Edward Schmiedecke, Baritone & Emma Schmiedecke, Cello

Expressions of Faith through Stained Glass

Musical Offering – *Just a Closer Walk with Thee* – arr. Jim Martinez

Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Prelude

Shall We Gather at the River – arr. Anna Laura Page

Chancel Bells and Linda Sweetman Waters, Piano

Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Bruce Ballantine

Call to Worship

Day and night around the throne they never stop singing:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, who is, and who is to come.**

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Epistle Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23 – Jessica Strader

Musical Offering – *Thanksgiving Medley* – arr. Sandra Eithun and Bill Ingram

Chancel Bells

Gospel Reading – Matthew 25:31-46 – Jessica Strader

Sermon – *The Jesus Who Hides in Plain Sight*

Offering Invitation

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drop your offering in the plate on your way out,
or mail check to the church. Thank you!



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Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so we lift our hearts up to you, God, in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings and acknowledge your goodness,
our hearts go out to those who do not have and who are in need.

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators
and ask that you supply the needs of those who are hungry.

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families and supply the needs of our society,
**and pray that you would care for those who have no work,
or the dignity and purpose it brings.**

We thank you for opportunities and choices, for meaning and challenges,
and we pray that you would give a sense of purpose to those who feel trapped.

We thank you for education and the doors a quality education can open,
**and we pray for children and youth who struggle in school, for those
taking entrance exams, as well as all who teach.**

We thank you for doctors and nurses, hospital workers and therapists,
nursing home workers and caregivers and the important work they do,
**and we pray for those who are sick in body, mind or spirit,
asking for your healing touch.**

We thank you for family and friends who love us and care for us
and pray that you would befriend those who are alone.

The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the abundance of your love in our lives.
May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and generosity to our neighbor.

Loving God, in this season and all year long, give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
so that we may acknowledge you as the Giver of all that is good in our lives.

And now we are bold to pray as Jesus taught us:
**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.**

Benediction & Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God – Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Linda Sweetman Waters, Organ

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1-5-14

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God of Our Life

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Hugh Thomson Kerr, 1916; alt. 1928

Charles Henry Purday, 1860
Harm. John Weaver, 1986

1. God of our life, through all the cir - cling years, We trust in Thee;
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand; With us a - bide.
3. God of the com - ing years, through paths un - known We fol - low Thee;

In all the past, through all our hopes and fears, Thy hand we see.
Lead us by faith to hope's true prom - ised land; Be Thou our guide.
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not a - lone; Our ref - uge be.

With each new day, when morn - ing lifts the veil,
With Thee to bless, the dark - ness shines as light,
Be Thou for us in life our dai - ly bread,

We own Thy mer - cies, Lord, which nev - er fail.
And faith's fair vi - sion chan - ges in - to sight.
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

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