



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Christ the King
November 26, 2017



Prelude *"Adagio Cantabile"* from **Pathetique Sonata** by Beethoven

Westminster Peal

Choral Call to Worship *"O Lord, You are my God and King"*
by C.H.H Parry and Charles H. Webb

O Lord, you are my God and King, and I will ever bless your name; I will extol you every day, and evermore your praise proclaim. You, Lord, are greatly to be praised; your greatness is beyond our thought; all generations shall tell forth the mighty wonders you have wrought.

Gathering as the Children of God Elder Cathy Austin

- Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
- People: *Who chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world,***
- Leader: Who destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,
- People: *Who has forgiven our sins according to the riches of his grace,***
- Leader: And has made known to us the mystery of his will.
- People: *This is our God!***
- Leader: Let us worship God together.

† **Opening Hymn No. 142** *"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*) Elder Austin

Blessed be you, God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for blessing us with every spiritual blessing, for adopting us and making us heirs of heaven's abundance. You know those parts of us that still believe we are left orphaned and unwanted. You know those parts of us that remain restless and anxious. You know the thoughts that give us sleepless nights. You know the desires that make our days frantic. Forgive us these things. Show us again your mercy. Show us again your Son. May the mercy displayed in his death and resurrection make its way into every resistant part of us so that, in our lives, you might be praised. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Elder Austin

- Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.
- People: *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.***

Today we celebrate the last Sunday of the liturgical calendar cycle: Christ the King Sunday. We give thanks for Christ's victory over death and praise God for the new heaven and new earth Christ will bring. We recognize Christ as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose power and mercy will bring all creation to reconciliation.

† Response

"Gloria, Gloria"
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

(hymn no. 576)



Prayer for Illumination

Elizabeth Small

Scripture Lesson (p. 181 NT)

Ephesians 1:15-23

Dr. Joe B. Martin

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem/Special Music *"Festival Canticle: Worthy is Christ"* by Richard Hillert

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are His.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign, Alleluia.

Children's Time

Rev. Jodi Martin

See children's options on back page

Sermon

God Is Great

Dr. Martin

† **Affirmation of Faith**

From the Confession of 1967

God's redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of our lives: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes our natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that his purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from his creation. 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 over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in us and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.



† **Passing of the Peace**

Dr. Martin

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.

Richard Hillert was an American composer and church musician who taught for four decades at Concordia University Chicago. Hillert was a prolific composer, writing for choir as well as symphony orchestra and chamber ensembles. The anthem today is perhaps his most well-known work; a hymn version of the song has been included in over 20 recent hymnals, including the two latest hymnals produced by the PC(USA).

† Hymn No. 148

"At the Name of Jesus"

Sacrament of Baptism

We welcome into the family of God through baptism Cameron Elizabeth McClintock, daughter of Bryan and Lauren McClintock.

Church Family Life

Dr. Martin

Please take this time to pass the attendance notebooks located at the end of the pew row. If you are a visitor, we invite you to visit our information center located in the Narthex.

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small



Moved by the Spirit

December Communion Offering

Offering

Offertory

"Berceuse"

by Lani Smith

† Response

The Doxology

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

† Prayer of Thanksgiving with The Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Small

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.

† Closing Hymn No. 452

"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"

† Benediction

Dr. Martin

† Congregational Response

"Amen"

(hymn no. 588)

† Postlude

"Improvisation"

by Nick Johns-Cooper

† Those who are able, please stand

The word "amen" is a simple affirmation meaning "yes," "truly," or "let it be so." When we sing "amen" at the end of worship, we are directly affirming the benediction just given while also affirming the prayers, praise, and preaching throughout the entirety of the service. On Christ the King Sunday, the "Amen" marks the completion of another church year and affirms our desire for Christ's reign over all creation to begin.

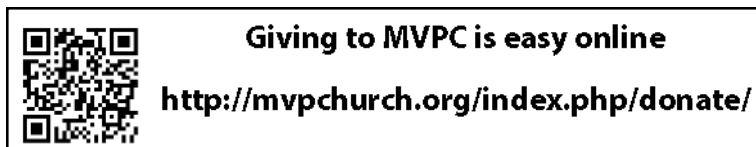
Worship Enrichment. Worship Enrichment is led by Rev. Jodi Martin at the 11:00 service after the Children's time. Children, kindergarten - 2nd grade, are invited to join Jodi in the chapel for worship enrichment activities. The children will return to their parents during the Hymn following the "Passing of the Peace." Children 4 years and younger who opt to attend 11:00 worship until the children's time, will depart for childcare to room 120 for the remainder of the service.

MVPC Mission Statement

Blessed to Be a Blessing

We are a Presbyterian church filled with love and energy – an inclusive congregation committed to spiritual growth through *worship, study, fellowship, and service.*

- As **children of God**, we seek to *praise* God in worship and in all that we say and do
- As **disciples of Jesus Christ**, we *listen* to scripture, tradition, one another, and the world in order to understand God's will for us as individuals and as a community
- As **members of a family of faith**, we strive to *love* one another unconditionally, sharing our joys and standing beside one another in our struggles
- **Moved by the Spirit**, we *serve* our gracious God by taking that with which we have been blessed and turning it into blessings for others.



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All the members of the church

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