



Celebration of Worship on the Lord's Day



Christ the King
November 25, 2018



Westminster Peal

Prelude *"Piano Sonata No. 24 in F# Major, Op. 78, Mvmt. I"* by Beethoven

Welcome and Church Family Life Elizabeth Small

Choral Call to Worship *"Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries (Psalm 107)"*
by Richard Proulx and Ruth Duck

*If you have felt your courage fail before a violent sea
And cried to God, who stilled the storm, and made the wild wind flee,
Then in the congregation praise the One who heard your plea.
Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in troubled days
With wondrous works to humankind that call for highest praise.
Let all who know God's saving love sing grateful songs always.*

† **Gathering as the Children of God** Elizabeth Small

One: The King of Kings is raised in glory.
All: Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.
One: Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.
All: Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

† **Hymn No. 292** *"All Beautiful the March of Days"*

† **Prayer of Confession (unison)** Elizabeth Small

Forgiving God, how many times we have spoken words of commitment and faith and then turned our backs on these commitments to follow the temptations of the world. We wander after the false prophets of greed, selfishness, arrogance, ignorance, hatred, stubbornness, and then shout our displeasure at how we are being treated. We want you to come in and clean up all our messes, excusing us from any responsibility for them. Forgive us for such foolishness. Help us remember the power of your healing love, which has been given for us. Forgive us when we think we know everything and then discover that we have behaved and thought in ignorant ways. Teach us to listen and to place our trust in your abiding power. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

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.

† Assurance of Pardon

Elizabeth Small

One: Friends, believe the Good News.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

† Response

"Gloria, Gloria"

(Hymn no. 576)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

† Passing of the Peace

Elizabeth Small

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Please exchange greetings of peace and welcome with your neighbor.



Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Ricardo Green

Scripture Lesson (p. 106 NT)

John 18:33-37

Rev. Green

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem/Special Music

"Lauda Anima: Praise, my Soul, the King of Heaven"

by Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To his feet thy tribute bring.

Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore his praises sing:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Fatherlike He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;

In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;

Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from every race.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace. Amen, Amen!

Sermon

"We Can Fix It – See You Sunday"

Rev. Green

† Affirmation of Faith

from the Scots Confession

Rev. Green

We do not doubt but that the selfsame body which was born of the virgin, was crucified, dead, and buried, and which did rise again, did ascend into the heavens, for the accomplishment of all things, where in our name and for our comfort he has received all power in heaven and earth, where he sits at the right hand of the Father, having received his kingdom, the only advocate and mediator for us. We believe that the same Lord Jesus shall visibly return for this

Mark Andrews was an organist and choir-master born in Lincolnshire, England in 1875. After studying organ at Westminster Abbey, Andrews immigrated to the USA to serve in several churches in New Jersey.

Last Judgment as he was seen to ascend. And then, we firmly believe, the time of refreshing and restitution of all things shall come, so that those who from the beginning have suffered violence, injury, and wrong, for righteousness' sake, shall inherit that blessed immortality promised them from the beginning.



† Hymn No. 141

"A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing"

Prayers of the People

Elizabeth Small



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Offering

Offertory

"French Suite: Sarabande"

by J.S. Bach

† 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 and 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. 155

"Rejoice, the Lord is King"

† Benediction

Rev. Green

† Congregational Response *(hymn no. 588)*

"Amen"

† Postlude

"It is Well with my Soul"

by Philip Bliss, arr. Mark Hayes

† Those who are able, please stand



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.

Financial Update

	Week of 11/12 – 11/18	Year to Date 2018	2018 Budget
Member Giving	\$9,790	\$528,499	\$695, 545
Loose Offering	\$62	\$4,453	\$7,000
Total	\$9,852	\$532,952	\$702, 545



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