

Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Pentecost

Sunday, November 24, 2024

REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Including the Sacrament of Holy Communion and Installation of Officers

Theme: Resilient Saints



“Let us give thanks to God for God’s unfailing love, satisfying the thirsty and filling the hungry with good things.” Psalm 107:8-9

GATHERING

Prelude: “Come Thou Almighty King” Anna Laura Page

Greeting and Welcome to Worship

Call to Worship

Leader: Come, let us worship Jesus the Christ, the Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

People: We worship the one who seeks truth, who is truth, who rules in truth, ruling with justice and compassion.

Leader: “For the God of Israel, the Rock of Israel has spoken: ‘When one rules over people in righteousness, when they rule yielding in awe of God,

People: they are like the light of morning at sunrise on a cloudless day, like the brightness after rain that brings grass from the earth.’ (2 Samuel 23:3- 4)

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine!

People: We come to grow in health, in resilience, and all the fruits of the Spirit. (John 10:11, John 15:1, Galatians 5)

Leader: We come to worship the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, the ruler of all rulers on this earth! (Rev. 1:5)

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us! Feed us ‘till we want no more. (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23)

Leader: Eternal Word, the Great I AM, Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Prince of Peace! We celebrate and worship this day! (John 1, John 8:58 and Isaiah 9:6)

All: We come to worship Jesus the Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.) To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! AMEN (Rev. 19:16 and Rev. 1:6)

Collect for Reign of Christ Sunday (*in unison*)

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ reigns over all. AMEN

*Hymn: #14 “For the Beauty of the Earth” with Bell Choir

*Prayer of the Day

Holy God, we gather in this season of thanks in anticipation of your coming as the eternally reigning Christ. We offer thanks for all we have received physically and spiritually, especially for canceling our ticket to darkness and gloom. With you we can be confident from the inside out. For those suffering severely and unimaginably, we pray that your mighty, pervasive spirit will undergird them. We pray that a glimmer of light and Your healing presence will come their way.

Open our hearts to humility and compassion. Grant us faith to believe you will provide a future where we see none, that bitterness may turn to joy so that our lives may bear good fruit. Remove the hatred, fears, and division that tear at the very foundation of human community. May your Spirit work tirelessly to bring about the common good even as we pledge ourselves to do the same.

For the sake of all desperate hearts, we pray in bold confidence with thanksgiving, through Christ our brother, who has taught us to pray, “Our Father, who art in heaven. . . (debts/debtors). . . AMEN.

PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

Anthem: “Morning Joy” K. Buckwalter
Bell Choir

Scripture: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 and Mark 12:41-44

Sermon: “The Measure of Generosity” (Part two)

*Hymn: #716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Offering of Our Time, Treasure and Gifts

The Installation of Officers

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Compassionate God, we join all the saints on the challenging journey of faithfulness. We offer our gratitude for those who continue to step forward to lead. We offer thanks for the eternal hope you provide. When we present our gifts for the work of the church, use them to bring comfort to the grieving and light to those in darkness. May our contributions transform our community into a place of hope and renewal. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN

Announcements and Sharing Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

*Hymn: #700 “I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Charge and Benediction

Postlude:
(please remain seated)

“Trumpet Fanfare on ‘Nun Danket’”

Gordon Young

The End of Worship
The Beginning of Service

*Those who wish may stand

Rev. James Shuler, Interim Pastor
Mrs. Dianne Yuninger, Organist/Choir Director

Prayers of the Congregation

Prayer Person this week: Brendon Shenk

**The Sanctuary Flowers are in Honor of Katherine Boas Lichty’s Birthday
Given by: Mom & Dad**

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