

The First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020

PREPARATION: *The following are the lectionary scriptures for this morning: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 I will be the shepherd of my sheep, says the Lord; I will save them. Psalm 100 Make a joyful noise to the Lord; we are the sheep of God's pasture. Ephesians 1:15-23 Christ is seated at God's right hand; all powers are under his feet. Matthew 25:31-46 The king will judge: just as you did it to the least, you did it to me.*

PRAYER FOR THE DAY: O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son. Look with compassion on the whole human family, take away the arrogance and hatred that infects our hearts, break down the walls that separate us, unite us in bonds of love, and, through our struggle and confusion, work to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GATHERING

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Promise”

Herbek

Handbell Ensemble: Jodie Cannon, David Bramley, Deborah Brashear, Calvin Current

INTROIT Hymn #142

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Coronation

VERSE:1 All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!
 Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all!

OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into God’s presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is God who made us, and we are the Lord’s; we are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture. Enter the Lord’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise. Give thanks to God, bless God’s name. For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever, and God’s faithfulness to all generations.

***HYMN #555**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

VERSE:1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 Who, from our mother’s arms, hath blessed us on our way
 With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

VERSE:2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 And keep us in God’s grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

VERSE:3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
 To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
 The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
 The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully for you are a gracious king – both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all. We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned. We have neglected your call to seek the lost, bring back the strayed, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. We have failed to hope and to work for justice. We have ignored your face in the stranger. Forgive us we pray. Gather and direct us, that we may live as your faithful people, seeing as you see, and loving as you love. (Pause for silent confession).

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

LEADER: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
PEOPLE: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***GLORIA PATRI (Hymnal #579)**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

LEADER: The Word of the Lord!
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” arr. Hopson
Brenda Thomas, Vocalist
Deborah Brashear, Calvin Current, Handbells

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

LEADER: The Gospel of the Lord!
PEOPLE: Praise to You, O Christ!

SERMON

“A Matthew 25 Church” Rev. Dr. David Shelor

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

O God, you have given me all that I need, in gratitude I give back to you.

OFFERTORY

"Trio" on "Nettleton"

Harris

***DOXOLOGY (Hymnal #591)**

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 DEDICATION**

THE SENDING

***HYMN #554**

"Let All Things Now Living"

Ash Grove

VERSE:1

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.

VERSE:2

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

***BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Voluntary on KREMSER"

Young

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

NEXT SUNDAY, November 29, 2020 will be the First Sunday of Advent. *The lectionary scriptures will be: Isaiah 64:1-9 Tear open the heavens and come down; save us from our sin. Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, and save us. 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 God will strengthen you while you wait for Christ's coming. Mark 13:24-37 In those days the stars will fall from heaven; keep awake.*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. David Shelor
Stephen Allen

Preacher
Organist

Eric Houghton
Brenda Thomas
Jeff Cockrell & Merry Lynn Morris

Liturgist & Children's Sermon
Vocalist
Sound & Video

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