

# REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

November 22, 2020

Organ Prelude: Christ is the King

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Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.” (Matthew 25: 34-36)

**We come to church so that we can find inspiration to love.**

We come to church to experience the mercy, acceptance, and compassion of God.

**We come to church to learn how to live love with those around us.**

**ALL: Let us worship God together!**

Hymn: “The love of God comes close”

No. 474

1. The love of God comes close  
where stands an open door,  
to let the stranger in,  
to mingle rich and poor.

The love of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the love of God is here to stay.

2. The peace of God comes close  
to those caught in the storm,  
forgoing lives of ease  
to ease the lives forlorn.

The peace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the peace of God is here to stay.

3. The joy of God comes close  
where faith encounters fears,  
where heights and depths of life  
are found through smiles and tears.

The joy of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the joy of God is here to stay.

4. The grace of God comes close  
to those whose grace is spent,  
when hearts are tired or sore  
and hope is bruised and bent.

The grace of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the grace of God is here to stay.

5. The Son of God comes close  
where people praise his name,  
where bread and wine are blest  
and shared as when he came.

The Son of God is here to stay,  
embracing those who walk the Way;  
the Son of God is here to stay.

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Ride the Chariot

African Spiritual arr. by William Henry Smith

*Soloist Shaun Alphonso with Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, Christopher Tanaka-Mann, and pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25:31-45

31 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." 37Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" 40And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." 44Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison,

and did not take care of you?” 45Then he will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

THE MARK OF A CHRISTIAN

Dr. Harris

Special Music: How can I keep from Singing?

American Folk Song arr. Richard Walters

*soloists Anna Bateman, Erin Stone, and pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: “There's a spirit in the air”

No. 764

1. There's a spirit in the air,  
telling Christians everywhere:  
“Praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world!”

5. When a stranger's not alone,  
where the homeless find a home,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

2. Lose your shyness, find your tongue,  
tell the world what God has done:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

6. May the Spirit fill our praise,  
guide our thoughts and change our ways  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

3. When believers break the bread,  
when a hungry child is fed,  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

7. There's a Spirit in the air,  
calling people everywhere:  
praise the love that Christ revealed,  
living, working, in our world.

4. Still the Spirit gives us light,  
seeing wrong and setting right:  
God in Christ has come to stay.  
Live tomorrow's life today!

(Descant)  
Praise the love! Praise the love!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Hornpipe from the Royal Water Music

G. F. Handel