

# REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

## November 21, 2021

Organ Prelude: Christ is the King

Setting by Bruce Nasmith

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

### CALL TO WORSHIP:

Pilate asked Jesus, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." (John 18:37)

**We gather for worship to be part of something bigger than ourselves. We come to be reminded that we belong, are valued, and loved, and in that belonging we discover the truth that Jesus imparts.**

Christ Jesus is our King, but not a king in an earthly sense. Jesus has a different kind of reign: one that embraces and invites all peoples to participate in a kingdom that upholds love and forgiveness.

**There are many voices that pull us one way or another; these voices can distract or bring clarity, sell lies or proclaim truths. We gather together to discern the voice of Christ amongst the sounds of many.**

**Let us worship Christ, the way, the truth, and the life!**

**Hymn: Crown Him with many crowns**

**No. 274**

1. Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon the throne:  
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died to be  
your Saviour and your matchless King  
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God,  
before the worlds began;  
let all who tread where he has trod,  
crown him the Son of Man,  
who every grief has known  
that wrings the human breast,  
and takes and bears them for his own,  
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,  
the Source, the End of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
in majesty sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail,  
for you have died for me;  
your praise shall never, never fail  
through all eternity!

4. Crown him the Lord of peace  
whose kingdom is at hand;  
from pole to pole let warfare cease  
and Christ rule every land!  
A city stands on high;  
Christ's glory it displays,  
and there the nations "Holy" cry  
in joyful hymns of praise.

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: My shepherd is the King of love

J. B. Dykes

Scripture Readings: John 18:33-37; Revelation 1:4-8

John 18:33-37

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' 34 Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' 35 Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' 36 Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to

keep me from being handed over. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’<sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,<sup>6</sup> and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.  
So it is to be. Amen.

8 ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’, says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

We are listening, O God;

**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

BELONGING TO THE TRUTH

Rev. Rebecca

Special Music: As the deer

Martin Nystrom

*soloist Radostina Borisova with choir*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

**Hymn: How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

**No. 357**

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear;  
it soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds  
and drives away our fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding place,  
my never-failing treasury,  
filled with boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus, my shepherd, guardian, friend,  
my prophet, priest and king,  
my Lord, my life, my way, my end:  
accept the praise I bring.

5. How weak the effort of my heart,  
how cold my warmest thought,  
but when I see thee as thou art  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Hornpipe from the Royal Water Music

G. F. Handel

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