

First Presbyterian Church

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Embodying Christ's inclusive love through heart, mind, and service

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Oak Ridge, Tennessee
A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
November 22, 2020 • Christ the King Sunday

(For the sake of brevity, we occasionally sing selected verses of hymns.)

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal

We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

Where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns
(verses 1, 2, and 3)

(Glory to God, 268)

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

Prayer of Confession

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life. Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Sung Response *The Steadfast Love of the Lord* (Glory to God, 59)

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end.

They are new every morning, new every morning;

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

Scripture Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Sermon *There Is a Shepherd* Susan Reisinger

Musical Reflection

Call to Prayer *Come, Bring Your Burdens to God* (Glory to God, 851)

Come, bring your burdens to God; come, bring your burdens to God;

Come, bring your burdens to God, for Jesus will never say no.

Prayers of the People - with the Lord's Prayer (ecumenical)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* (Glory to God, 265) (verses 1, 2, and 3)

*Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons wax and wane no more.*

*To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.*

*People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.*

Charge and Blessing

Sung Response *Irish Blessing*

*May the road rise to meet you, may the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face. May the rain fall softly on your field,
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.*

Postlude



