



LA JOLLA
UNITED METHODIST



After Giving Thanks

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

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WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Call to Worship

One: Come! Let us give thanks to God!

All: We give thanks for the gift of warm bread, the smell of dinner cooking in the oven, and the joy of gathering around a table together.

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All: We give thanks for all the times God has made a way out of no way, providing for us in body and spirit just when we need it.

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All: We give thanks for the ways God weaves us together as a community of love and care, supporting one another in the ebbs and flows of daily life.

One: Let us come into God's presence with grateful praise!

All: Come! Let us worship God together. Amen.

Prelude

Shine, Jesus, Shine Graham Kendrick Setting by Peggy Betcher
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Introit

Rejoice, the Lord Is King Arr. Donald Moore
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Welcome

† Opening Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Blessing for Young Hearts

Prayers of the People

*A Pastor will begin a time of prayer and name those for whom our congregation is praying.
Online Worshipers may type prayer requests in the Live Chat, taking care for privacy.*

Pastoral Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Prayer Response

Amen

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WE HEAR OF THE LOVE OF CHRIST

Scripture

John 6:5-23 (CEB)

Jesus looked up and saw the large crowd coming toward him. He asked Philip, "Where will we buy food to feed these people?" Jesus said this to test him, for he already knew what he was going to do.

Philip replied, "More than a half year's salary worth of food wouldn't be enough for each person to have even a little bit."

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, "A youth here has five barley loaves and two fish. But what good is that for a crowd like this?"

Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there. They sat down, about five thousand of them. Then Jesus took the bread. When he had given thanks, he distributed it to those who were sitting there. He did the same with the fish, each getting as much as they wanted. When they had plenty to eat, he said to his disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces, so that nothing will be wasted." So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves that had been left over by those who had eaten.

When the people saw that he had done a miraculous sign, they said, "This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world." Jesus understood that they were about to come and force him to be their king, so he took refuge again, alone on a mountain.

When evening came, Jesus' disciples went down to the lake. They got into a boat and were crossing the lake to Capernaum. It was already getting dark and Jesus hadn't come to them yet. The water was getting rough because a strong wind was blowing. When the wind had driven them out for about three

or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the water. He was approaching the boat and they were afraid. He said to them, "I Am. Don't be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and just then the boat reached the land where they had been heading.

The next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the lake realized that only one boat had been there. They knew Jesus hadn't gone with his disciples, but that the disciples had gone alone. Some boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they had eaten the bread over which the Lord had given thanks.

Scriptural Response

Liturgist: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

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Message

After Giving Thanks

Rev. Bob Rhodes

WE RESPOND TO THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Response to the Word

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Interlude XV

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† Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 94

Prayer of Confession

All: We talk about how little we have and do not recognize the abundance we have when we share. We allow resources and gifts to be wasted in our neighborhoods instead of valuing and preserving the smallest fragments the world so often casts aside. We rush about life attempting To do everything on our own instead of being grateful for all the ways we love and support one another. We grumble about all that is going wrong instead of approaching you with gratitude and trust that you will provide. Forgive us, we pray. Free us to live as your grateful people.

One: Let us take a moment to silently pray. (*Wait for a brief period of silence*)

Receive this good news: God's love never fails! The same Christ who commanded his disciples to gather leftover bread and fish so that nothing would be lost has not overlooked or forgotten you. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.

WE FOLLOW CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† Closing Hymn

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring
honor peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!

† Benediction

Postlude

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715

Liturgical elements from *Revised Common Lectionary Prayers, The United Methodist Hymnal and Discipleship Ministries*

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