



Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

November 22, 2020

— Gathering —

PRELUDE

Joshua Allen

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michele R. Goff

LITANY FOR THE REIGN OF CHRIST

Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The Lord is robed in majesty and girded in strength.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God has established the world, and God's realm will never be shaken.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord.

Christ will reign forever and ever.

~~~ *brief silence* ~~~

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost. Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

### MUSIC

Joshua Allen

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

John Tieken

*Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved, and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

### CONFESSION

John Tieken

In true repentance, let us confess the ways we have failed to walk in the ways of righteousness.

***God of mercy, who has compassion for the lost and the least, in disbelief and denial, we ask: "When did we see you among us?" We should have seen you in the classmate on the playground whom we did not invite to join our game. Or in the stranger on the sidewalk whom we crossed the street to avoid. Or in the neighbor at the nursing home, whom we left to carry her pain alone. We should have seen you in the man begging for work or a warm meal, in the woman struggling to overcome addiction, in the child seeking refuge from the terrors of violence. But, instead, we turned away. Forgive us, Lord. Break our hearts for what breaks yours, and give us compassion and courage to respond to the suffering of this world.***

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Even when we wander, our Shepherd chases after us, and guides us back with a tender hand. ***We are forgiven. Alleluia!***

## — Word —

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

John Tieken

### HEBREW SCRIPTURE

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Our first reading is from the Hebrew book of Psalms, chapter 95, verses 1 through 7. The Spirit of the Lord is speaking; God's word is on my lips. Hear the word of the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God.***

### GOSPEL SCRIPTURE

Our gospel reading is from the gospel according to Matthew chapter 25 verses 31 through 46. The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. Listen to the word of the Lord.

God our Sovereign has spoken; the promise of the Lord endures forever. ***Thanks be to God.***

**SERMON**      *Immobilizing Fear or Infinite Opportunity?*      Rev. Michele R. Goff

## ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

## MUSIC

Joshua Allen

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** John Tieken

Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—  
in green pastures and by still waters, in right paths and through dark valleys,  
until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever; through Jesus  
Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER** John Tieken

## MUSIC

Joshua Allen

**INVITATION TO OFFERING** Rev. Michele R. Goff

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** John Tieken

**BLESSING AND CHARGE** Rev. Michele R. Goff

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