

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 22, 2020

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

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Dan Francabandiero, Organist

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

God of Eternity, we stand with the courage of those who insisted, even in perilous times, that not even the most powerful rulers of this earth hold our eternal destiny in their hands. We are secure in Christ, whose reign is just, whose power is endless, and whose love is unfathomable. God of Eternity, we join the chorus of saints who continue to declare that Christ is our King. Amen.

Call to Worship

Leader: We are gathered together to fix our eyes on Jesus. We come to this place to acknowledge his reign over our lives. We worship in word and song and deed to bring glory to our great King. Join me in celebrating our risen Savior and God.

All: God, we worship you, we love you, and we adore you. We bring you our songs and prayers and actions that you may know the true depth of our love and adoration for you. Amen.

Hymn of Praise

The Church's One Foundation

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord.
She is his new creation
by water and the word.
From heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride.
With his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
may live eternally.

Unison Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that far too often we do not want a savior who is a king. We would prefer Jesus to be subject to us, rather than the other way around. We are not keen for a redeemer who has any claims on us and certainly not one who makes demands of us. We have our own plans and agendas, after all. Forgive our foolishness, O God! Forgive our arrogance and selfishness. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Through the crucified body and blood of Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14). Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all. Amen.

The Children's Time

The Act of Offering

***Offertory**

Come Thou Fount
Kimberly Fishman, Soloist

Arr. Chelle Peterson

The Word of God Proclaimed

Scripture

Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon

Getting Ready for the King

Rev. Joy Laughridge

Response of God's People

Prayers of the People and 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn of Commitment

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,

the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

Blessing and Benediction

Postlude

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