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## REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

### WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

#### Prelude

**Sei Lob und Ehr dem höchsten Gut**  
*by Johann Krebs*

**\* Please rise in body or in spirit.**

#### Welcome & Announcements

Leader: The Lord be with you  
All: **And also with you**

#### \* Call to Worship

Leader: God has looked favorably on humanity  
and has redeemed all of creation.

People: **God has given us a mighty Savior,  
the Lord whose reign is breaking in  
bringing light, hope and justice.**

Leader: We gather to offer our thanks and praise  
to almighty God.

All: **The one who holds the beginning and the end.  
Praise the Lord!**

#### \* Gathering Song

**Come, Christians, Join to Sing**  
*Glory to God #267, v. 1-3*

#### \* Invitation to Confession

**\* Prayer of Confession** (Unison)

**Gracious Lord,  
we are quick to identify our enemies  
and slow to name the ways we hurt others.  
You lead us in the ways of righteousness,  
and yet we prefer to walk our own path.  
We are called to follow your lead  
in creating a beloved community,  
yet we idolize wealth and power.  
Forgive and heals us O God.  
Turn us from the ways of sin,  
and toward the path that leads to peace.  
Amen.**

**\* Assurance of God's Forgiveness**

**Leader:** Siblings in Christ,  
hear the good news.  
The Lord gives light to those who dwell in darkness  
and guides our steps in the path of salvation.  
Believe the good news that  
in the name of Jesus Christ  
we are forgiven – and be at peace.

**People:** **Thanks be to God, Amen!**

**\* Passing The Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you  
**People:** **And, also with you.**

*Please share the peace of Christ with those around you*

**\* Song of Praise**

**Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**  
*Glory to God #582, v. 1-2*

**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD**

**Time with Children**

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**First Scripture Reading**

**Jeremiah 23.1-6**

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

## **Anthem**

**King of Glory, King of Peace**  
*by Gerald Near*

## **Second Scripture Reading**

**Luke 23.33-43**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[ <sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' ]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself.'<sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup>Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup>He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

Leader:       The Word of the Lord

All:            **Thanks be to God**

## **Message**

**Rev. Mel Smith**

### **Affirmation of Faith**

**Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ,  
such as a heavenly city, the household of God,  
a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast,  
and an unending day  
culminate in the image of the kingdom.**

**The kingdom represents God's triumph  
over all that resists the divine will  
and disrupts God's creation.  
Already God's reign is present  
as a ferment in the world,  
stirring hope in all people  
and preparing the world  
to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.**

**With an urgency born of this hope,  
the church applies itself to present tasks  
and strives for a better world.  
It does not identify limited progress  
with the kingdom of God on earth,  
nor does it despair  
in the face of disappointment and defeat.**

**In steadfast hope,  
the church looks beyond all partial achievement  
to the final triumph of God.  
Amen.**

## **Song of Response**

**Of the Father's Love Begotten**  
*Glory to God #108, v. 1, 3, 5, & 6*

## Prayers of the People

Leader: We pray to the Lord  
All: Let your kin-dom come.

### 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 glory forever. Amen.**

### WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

#### Call to Offering

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

**\* Doxology**

**Set Me as a Seal**  
*by Robert A. Harris*

**We Are an Offering**  
*Glory to God #710, v. 1*

#### Prayer of Dedication

**Holy One,  
we trust that all we have, and all of who we are,  
comes from and belongs to you.  
With gratitude, we bring these gifts of our time,  
energy, creativity, and imagination.  
Receive them we pray and by the power of your Spirit,  
may they become good news:  
food for the hungry,  
welcome for the stranger,  
comfort for the grieving,  
hope for those enduring the storms of life.  
Amen**

**\* Song of Service**

**Rejoice the Lord is  
King!**  
*Glory to God #363, v.1-4*

**\* Commission and Blessing**

**Postlude**

**King of Kings**  
*trad. African American spiritual*

**Please join us in the chapel after worship for fellowship!**

Participants in Today's Worship

**Acolyte** – Simmone Klein

**Children & Youth Minister** – Hannah Peters

**Communications Coordinator** – Katie Gibbons

**Director of Music & Pianist/Organist** – Christian Hendricks

**Liturgist** – George Philips

**Pastor** – Melanie Smith

**Technical Support** – Dylan Voss

**Ushers** – Cathy Smith, Kim Merritt, Barry & Rose Rudert

**The Trinity Choir:**

*Soprano – Aleta Klein, Cricket Gordon, Jenn Clodi, Madeline Black (Section Leader)*

*Alto – Margy Brown, Nancy Wagoner, Rachel Presti, Janelle Pierce (Section Leader)*

*Tenor – Pat Courtney, Evan Babel (Section Leader)*

*Bass – Nigel Holloway, Brian Schroer*

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**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS AND NOTES FOR NOVEMBER 20, 2022**

*We open our doors to all persons to join in worship, fellowship, educational programs, and service.*

*We welcome into membership all who profess faith in Jesus Christ without regard to gender, race, ethnic origin, worldly conditions, sexual orientation, disability, or any other human condition.*

*We elect and ordain persons who are called by God and committed to serving the Lord Jesus Christ in the Church.*

**Memorial Service for Patti Twellman**

Please join us on November 21, 2022 at 4pm for the Memorial Service of Patti Twellman.

**Update on the Boiler**

It's official: we have a new boiler! For the past two weeks, Vogel has been working to remove the old boiler and replace it with a new, high efficiency, cascading boiler system. This new system is much smaller than the previous, which allowed it to be elevated two feet off the ground – so, hopefully, we won't face the same issue again!

We are grateful for the insurance funds that allowed us to get this new boiler in place and for the hard work of our property committee: Jane Kaiser, Mike Krivonak and Jim Person. Thank you!

**Save the Date:** All women of the church are invited to our annual Christmas party and white elephant gift exchange. The date is Saturday, December 3, 11:30-1:30 in the church dining room. It will be a salad, dessert pot luck again this year. We had such fun last year and excellent attendance. Please put it on your calendar. Any questions, please contact Sandy Norkaitis, [slnork@charter.net](mailto:slnork@charter.net) or 314-863-7699.

## **Kitchen Cabinet Future Gatherings**

Discussions were had and the future meetings of the Kitchen Cabinet will be in Person the First Thursday's of the month, and on Zoom the Third Thursday's of the month. See below for our tentative schedule:

### **Next gatherings:**

Saturday, December 3 - Christmas party at Trinity - No Thursday gathering

Thursday, December 15 - Zoom

Thursday, January 5 at Trinity, Weems Chapel

Thursday, January 19 - Zoom

**The Food Pantry uses the local Schnucks store to purchase canned goods and other non-perishables for the pantry.** We are taking part in the Schnucks reward program and receive award credits to use as credit against our food pantry purchases. If you shop at Schnucks, you too can add to this by using Trinity's phone number 725-3840 when checking out. The credit will go against future food pantry purchases. The small amounts add up!

**Trinity is "broadcasting" our Sunday morning 10 a.m. worship service via our Facebook page or you can watch the recording on YouTube later on.** Those who participate in this way on home computers or mobile devices can even type messages to one another during the live service, such as doing a virtual passing of the peace. Also, Facebook has captions! While watching the service, find the gear icon at the bottom of the video and click on it. When you do, an option pops up to turn on closed captioning!

**While we live in this challenging time, Trinity continues to be available to all those who need us.** Members desiring pastoral care are encouraged to call the church office at 314-725-3840 or to reach out to Deacon Corie Merker, 314-434-8286. Your need will be shared confidentially with our Pastor the Reverend Mel Smith. You also can email her directly at [melanie.smith@trinityucity.org](mailto:melanie.smith@trinityucity.org)

**Supporting the church through your financial gifts continues to be encouraged!** Please mail your contributions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Att'n: Linde, 6800 Washington Ave., University City, MO 63130, or check out the online giving instructions below.

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### **Session**

Diana Gray, Kevin Harkins, Diane Hemphill, Jayne Howard, Jane Kaiser, Mary Klingensmith,  
Sarah New Mayer (Clerk), Mary McKown, Bob Parks, Jan Schulte-Glad

### **Deacons**

Anna Gardner-Andrews, DeAnne Brown, Stacey Carman, Cricket Gordon, Jennifer Higginbotham,  
Corie Merker, John Merker, Jim Person, Art Platt, Christy Schindler