

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
November 24, 2019
11:00 A.M.

Together in Christ, Reaching Beyond Our Doors.

GATHERING TO PRAISE

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

This is God's house – a place of peace where we befriend one another in the name of Christ. Greet those around you as a sign of God's peace and Christ's friendship.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Presbyterian Church of New Zealand)

One: Sisters and brothers – arise.
Arise and lift your hearts
Arise and lift your eyes
Arise and lift your voices.

**ALL: The living God,
The living, moving Spirit of God has called us together -
in witness, in celebration, in struggle.**

One: Reach out toward each other. Our God reaches out toward us!
And from this hour, we will be equipped to reach our neighbors
who have need. Let us worship God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" No. 384

CELEBRATING THE CHILD IN US ALL

"Jesus Loves Me" (sung processional)

***Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so. Little ones to him belong;
they are weak, but he is strong. REFRAIN: Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.***

(sung recessional)

***Jesus loves me still today, walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give light and love to all who live. REFRAIN***

CONNECTING WITH GOD IN PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (see below)

THE LORD'S PRAYER No. 895

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.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Brian Hanson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly, While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high: Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last. Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin; Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee; Spring Thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity. Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee; Leave, ah, leave me not alone, still support and comfort me. All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring; Cover my defenseless head, with the shadow of Thy wing.

LESSON FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT James 2:14-26

(NT p. 230)

Key verse: My brothers and sisters, what good is it if people say they have faith but do nothing to show it?

Leader: The Word of God. **All: For the People of God.** Leader: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Wesley's Wisdom for A New Day Sermon Series:

"Social Holiness that Transforms Society"

BRINGING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD

At this time please pass the attendance pads back down your pew (if you're on the lower level, back toward the angled aisles). Use this opportunity to indicate on the pad the needs you want us to be aware of or your areas of interest.

OFFERTORY HYMN

"God Whose Love is Always Stronger" words by C.W. Gillette

(Sung to the tune: Beach Spring)

*God, whose love is always stronger Than our weakness, pride and fear,
In your world, we pray and wonder How to be more faithful here.
Hate too often grows inside us; Fear rules what the nations do.
So we pray, when wars divide us: Give us love, Lord! Make us new!*

*Love is patient, kind and caring, Never arrogant or rude,
Never boastful, all things bearing; Love rejoices in the truth.
When we're caught up in believing War will make the terror cease,
Show us Jesus' way of living; May our strength be in your peace.*

*May our faith in you be nourished; May your churches hear your call.
May our lives be filled with courage As we speak your love for all.
Now emboldened by your Spirit Who has given us new birth,
Give us love, that we may share it Till your love renews the earth!*

*DOXOLOGY

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

GOING OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN OF GOING FORTH

"Forth in Thy Name, O Lord"

No. 438

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "May The Heavenly Father Cheer You" Roger C. Wilson

*POSTLUDE

*You are invited to remain seated for the postlude as part of your worship experience.
(If you choose to exit the sanctuary during the postlude, please do so quietly. Thank you.)*

*All who are comfortable standing are invited to stand.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (inspired by Bruce Gillette and Carolyn Winfrey Gillette)

One: O God, we thank you this day for Christians
who seek to live out their faith in their everyday lives.
We know that we cannot earn your love,
but we can respond to your love.
You call us to live holy lives
out of gratitude for all that you have done for us.

**ALL: We thank you for people who find joy in the midst of trials and
difficulties: for the hospital patient who gives hope and inspiration to the visitor, for
the homeless person who teaches the social worker the meaning of faith, for the family
that prays together in the face of death.**

One: We thank you for those who endure temptation:
for the young person who says "no" to a friend who wants to shoplift,
for the office worker who refuses to join in negative conversation,
for the company executive who puts justice before profits.
We thank you for those who are ever-generous in giving to others:
for the child who puts her allowance in the church's mission offering,
for the young adult at a first job who dares to tithe his new income,
for the neighbor who gets up at four in the morning
to shovel his elderly neighbor's sidewalk.
We thank you for those who are quick to listen,
slow to speak, slow to anger:
for couples who listen to each other in love,
for people who count to ten before speaking their minds
and then speak gently,
for people who remain calm and loving when others' tempers flare.

**ALL: We thank you for people who live out their faith by caring for
orphans, widows and others in need:
for foster parents and adoptive parents,
for those who seek to work for peace and justice
so that fewer people will be orphaned and widowed,
for those who share a cup of coffee with a lonely neighbor,
for those who visit in nursing homes.**

One: We thank you for people who are doers of the word and not hearers only.
O God, may we be counted among them.
Help us to hear your word and to find joy in doing what you call us to do.
For we pray in the name of the One who most models your way –