

# MORNING WORSHIP

November 24, 2019

Half past Ten O'Clock

## Christ the King Sunday

*When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation.  
Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!*

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

TIME OF MEDITATION AND REFLECTION

+WELCOME AND NOTICES

PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

arr. John Leavitt

INTROIT

"Hear My Prayer"  
Ivey Cherry, bass-baritone

Moses Hogan

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Colossians 1:17-18

One: In Christ all things hold together;

**Many: He is head of the church and Lord of all.**

One: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice!

**Many: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

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

**Many: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

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

**All: Christ will reign forever and ever.**

+\* HYMN 554

"Let All Things Now Living"

ASH GROVE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

Colossians 1:13-14

We do not confess our sin in the hope of forgiveness, we confess with the certainty of forgiveness. For the Apostle Paul assures us that we have been rescued from the power of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of God's beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. And so with that promise, that assurance, that redemption, we confess our sins before God and one another.

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed down before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule on this earth. Instead we give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by justice and love. In Your mercy forgive us. Raise us to acclaim Him as ruler of all, restore in us the commitment to be loyal ambassadors, and renew us to be more Christ like in word, in deed and in spirit. Amen.**

\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Colossians 1:20

All things, in heaven and on earth, are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ. Forgiveness is ours, through Christ our Lord, in whom God was pleased to dwell. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

One: Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel!

**Many: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES – Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade Students Kim Lee  
It is our tradition here at SAPC to present our third graders with Bibles. This is an exciting time for these children, their parents and this community of faith. We wish to congratulate these young people and their families at this important step in their faith journey.

### Litany

Leader: We give these Bibles to you praying you will read and rely on God's promises revealed in Scripture. Third graders, let us pray together:

**Third Graders:** Dear God, as we read and study our Bibles, by Your Spirit help us to learn about Your love for us in Jesus Christ. Help us to learn to follow You. Amen.

Leader: Parents, let us pray together:

**Parents:** Eternal God, help us to be faithful guides for our children in the reading of Your Word. We promise to read with and pray for our children. As we seek to fulfill this promise, we rely on the assurance of Your love and grace. Amen.

Leader: People of SAPC, let us pray together...

**Congregation:** **Holy God, when these children were baptized, we promised to guide and nurture them by word and deed, with love and prayer, encouraging them to know and follow Christ and to be faithful members of His church. We pledge ourselves anew to this promise. Amen.**

*Immediately following Message for Young Disciples, kindergarteners and first graders are invited to Children's Worship. They will return to the Sanctuary during the Doxology.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 1:11-20, pew Bible, p. 1072

SERMON

"What's so great about a King?"

Lisa McLennan

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, CONCLUDING WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN 555

"Now Thank We All Our God"

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND CALL TO OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"The People that Walked in Darkness" from *Messiah*  
Ivey Cherry, bass-baritone

G. F. Handel

\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn 592)

OLD HUNDREDTH

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

**Holy God, You have looked upon Your people with mercy, generosity, and love. You have granted Your favor to all of Your people, offering them redemption, salvation, and wisdom. And so we offer these gifts for Your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do Your service. May we be strengthened to do Your work. In the name of Jesus Christ, The King, who multiplied small gifts and fed multitudes, and no one in His Kingdom left hungry. Amen.**

## BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN 151

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Michael Burkhardt

(\*) Those who are able, please stand

+ ) Ushers will seat worshippers

## SELWYN AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH WARMLY WELCOMES ALL WHO VISIT

Please take a moment to sign the registry of friendship as it is passed along your pew so that you may be greeted and greet others by name. If you are actively searching for a new church home, we invite you to fill out the card in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. Membership is by one of three paths: 1) profession of faith in Jesus Christ (for those who have never been part of a Christian church); 2) re-affirmation of faith (for those who formerly were part of a congregation but have not been involved in recent times - for example, you were baptized and/or confirmed but moved and never engaged with a new congregation); or 3) transfer of membership from another congregation (your membership is with another church).

New members and prospective members are invited to participate in Orientation Classes, which are scheduled several times a year, and are a wonderful way to meet others and learn about our church and all the opportunities here. We always stand ready to be in communication with you about your particular situation. The contact information for all staff members is in the bulletin each week.

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