Preview for Service of Word and Sacrament

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Liturgical Color: White

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Opening Blessing (adapted from Tina Kemp)
As we gather for worship today, let us catch a glimpse of Christ's mercy among the hardness of life. Let us sense God's presence in the busyness of life. Let us witness that God's wholeness happens among the brokenness of life. Let us give thanks for Christ the King's reign of love and mercy in all moments of life.

Community Prayer (adapted from Roddy Hamilton)
O Christ the King, we know that your throne is the empty seat beside the anxious, the lonely chair next to the confused, the vacant pew next to the hungry. May your reign be good news to those who seek justice, as we find you walking the streets, breaking bread with the outcast, sitting by bedsides, on the wrong side of the tracks, finding a place among the lost. Servant of all, may we find the faith to stand with you in all the places we find you. Amen

Sermon Focus & Title Christ the King Bethany Nelson
I will admit that "King" language for Christ has never resonated with me. In our just completed worship series about names for God, we lifted up several seemingly more expansive ways to describe the divine. That being said, this Sunday – the last before Advent begins – is traditionally known as "Christ the King" Sunday. So, let's explore what that title might mean in our lives of faith.

Scripture Passage

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when God raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And God has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hymns

Come, Christians, Join to Sing, No. 267
Lead On, O King Eternal!, No. 269

Quote for Reflection, Discussion, and Prayer

"Christianity is the story of how the rightful king has landed, you might say landed in disguise, and is calling us to take part in a great campaign of sabotage."

~ C.S. Lewis