

- **IN-PERSON 9:30 am** in the Sanctuary
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Gathering

Prelude

Trumpet Tune on Crown Him with Many Crowns

M. Corl

Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship

Risen with Christ, let us seek the realities of the Spirit-
our life is hidden with Christ in God.

*He who descended is also ascended far above the heavens,
that he might fill all things.*

**When Christ, our Life, appears,
we shall appear with him in glory! Alleluia!**

Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

3. Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

4. Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

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Proclamation

Prayer for Illumination

*Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ,
ascended far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise,
he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the world;
through the same your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Scripture Reading – Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you people!

Shout joyfully to God with a joyous shout!

Because the Lord Most High is awesome,

he is the great king of the whole world.

He subdues the nations under us,

subdues all people beneath our feet.

He chooses our inheritance for us:

the heights of Jacob, which he loves.

God has gone up with a joyous shout—

the Lord with the blast of the ram's horn.

Sing praises to God! Sing praises!

Sing praises to our king! Sing praises

because God is king of the whole world!

Sing praises with a song of instruction!

God is king over the nations.

God sits on his holy throne.

The leaders of all people are gathered

with the people of Abraham's God

because the earth's guardians belong to God;

God is exalted beyond all.

Song

Give thanks to the Lord,
our God and King;
his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things;
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand
and an outstretched arm;
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn;
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever,
forever.

Forever

From the rising to the setting sun
his love endures forever.
And by the grace of God we will carry on;
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever.

Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong,
forever God is with us, forever,
forever.

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Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-11

Prayers of the People

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 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.

Anthem

At His Name

Raney

Scripture Reading – Ephesians 1:15-23

Response to the Scripture *This is the Word of God for the people of God.* **Thanks be to God!**

Message

Who Is in Charge?

Guest Pastor, Rev. Ron Baker

Response

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake
he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

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On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe
in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe
in one holy catholic* and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**(the word "catholic" used here means "universal")*

Hymn of Response

Glory Be to the Father

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Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

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Invitation to Offering

We have been challenged by the Word of God, and now we are called to respond. To respond with not just our wallets, pocketbooks and purses, but with the way we live our lives. Let us consider the transformative gifts we can give this day to God, to ourselves, and to our neighbors.

Moment of Meditation

Doxology

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

Prayer of Dedication

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

Sending

Hymn

There Is a Redeemer

1. There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

2. Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

3. When I stand in glory I will see his face;
there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.
Thank you, O my Father, for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

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Benediction

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory

P. Manz

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on Sundays at 9:30 am

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