

St. Mark's Presbyterian Church
Reign of Christ – Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
November 24, 2024

Responsive Call to Worship

Say among the nations, The God reigns.

Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

The Lord is coming to judge the earth.

God will judge the world with righteousness and truth.

So let us worship God with praise and honour.

We will offer God our gratitude for all that God has done.

Hymn 267 Rejoice the Lord is King

**1. Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your sovereign Lord adore;
give thanks, O mortals, sing
and triumph ever more.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**2. For Christ the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when Jesus purged our stains,
he took his seat above.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**3. His reign can never fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven:
the keys of death and hell
are to our Saviour given.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**4. He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet.**

**Lift up your heart;
lift up your voice; rejoice,
again I say, rejoice.**

**5. Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ the judge shall come
and take the faithful up
to their eternal home.**

**We soon shall hear
the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice.**

Prayer of Praise *(minister)*

Hymn 274 Crown him with many crowns

**1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon the throne:
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died to be
your Saviour and your matchless King
through all eternity.**

**2. Crown him the Son of God,
before the worlds began;
let all who tread where he has trod,
crown him the Son of Man,
who every grief has known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.**

**3. 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.**

4. Crown him the Lord of peace

whose kingdom is at hand;
from pole to pole let warfare cease
and Christ rule every land!
A city stands on high;
Christ's glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

5. Crown him the Lord of years,
the Source, the End of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail,
for you have died for me;
your praise shall never, never fail
through all eternity!

Prayer of Confession (congregation)

Lord Jesus Christ, we pray for the coming of your kingdom week by week, but we confess we might not even know what that means. Will you come to set things straight in the world? Will you come to judge us and show us where we've all gone wrong? Will you bring all things to an end, or will you offer us a new beginning?

Jesus, forgive us when we mix up our own desires with your purposes for your people. Teach us how to live out your truth.

- silent confession -

The Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

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, the power, and the glory. For ever
and ever. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

(minister)

Hymn 275 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. For him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name like fragrance sweet shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.

4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns:
the prisoners leap to lose their chains;
The weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring
the honours due our glorious King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long Amen.

Responsive Reading Psalm 132:1-12 p. 578 NT & Psalms

Lord, remember David
and all that he suffered.

He made a solemn promise to the Lord.

He vowed to the Mighty One of Israel,

"I will not go home;

I will not let myself rest.

I will not let my eyes sleep

nor close my eyelids in slumber

until I find a place to build a house for the Lord,

a sanctuary for the Mighty One of Israel."

We heard that the Ark was in Ephrathah;

then we found it in the distant countryside of Jaar.

Let us go to the sanctuary of the Lord;

let us worship at the footstool of his throne.

Arise, O Lord, and enter your resting place,

along with the Ark, the symbol of your power.

**May your priests be clothed in godliness;
may your loyal servants sing for joy.**

For the sake of your servant David,
do not reject the king you have anointed.

The Lord swore an oath to David
with a promise he will never take back:

“I will place one of your descendants
on your throne.

**If your descendants obey the terms of my covenant
and the laws that I teach them,
then your royal line
will continue forever and ever.”**

New Living Translation (NLT)

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Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 23:1-7 p. 261 pew Bible (NIV)

Revelation 1:4b-8 p. 429 New Living Translation

John 18:33-37 p. 194 New Living Translation

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon What do we think about kings?

Prayers of the People (minister)

Hymn 115 Hail to the Lord's Anointed

**1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son;
hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.**

**2. He brings salvation speedy to those who suffer wrong;
he saves the poor and needy, and helps the weak be strong;
they sing who once were sighing, their darkness turned to
light,
for they, who once were dying, are precious in his sight.**

**3. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go,
and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.**

4. All powers shall bow before him, and gold and incense bring;

**all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing,
for he shall have dominion o'er river, sea and shore,
far as the eagle's pinion or dove's light wing can soar.**

**5. O'er every foe victorious, Christ on his throne shall rest,
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
his name shall stand for ever: that name to us is Love.**

Offering

Prayer of Dedication (congregation)

Lord Jesus, you rule in this world through your love. Receive our gifts as tokens of our love for you. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Spirit, so that they will spread your love in ways we have yet to imagine. Amen.

Hymn 659 King of glory, King of peace

**1. King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee,
and, that love may never cease, I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast; thou hast spared me.**

**2. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me,
and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me.**

**3. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enrol thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.**

Choral Blessing

**Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will be with you each hour of every day.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.**

Benediction

Three-fold Amen

Piano Postlude