

# CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 20, 2016

10:15 A.M.

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## PREPARATION AND PRAISE

Prelude: "Give Thanks"  
"With Thanksgiving and Praise"

Smith/arr. Hayes  
arr. Larson

## ENTER HIS GATES WITH THANKSGIVING

Silent Prayer and Preparation

- \* Call to Worship: Psalm 67:4-6  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon the earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.**

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.**

- \* Hymn: Bulletin pp. 5-6 "Ten Thousand Reasons" MYRIN/REDMAN, CCLI1099351

- \* God's Greeting:

Grace and peace be to you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**Who made heaven and earth.**

Blessed be God,

**And blessed is his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

- \* Prayer of the Day:

**Holy God, our praise can never match the wondrous measure of your mercy. Our lips can never express the depth of gratitude that our hearts feel. In your providence we have been kept, of your bounty we have received, and under the shadow of your wings our souls have learned to rejoice. You have led us through each decision of our lives. Your goodness and mercy have followed us all our days. Hear us, O God, as our hearts, at their best and at their humblest, give you the glory that belongs to your name. In you we find our steadfast and glorious hope through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\* Choral and Congregational Response: "A Thanksgiving Tapestry" arr. Purifoy

Choir: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

**All: This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
all nature sings, and 'round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas. His hand the wonders wrought.**

Choir: For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!  
Rejoice, ye pure in heart. Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
beneath the standard of our God, the cross of Christ our King!  
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing!

**All: For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!**

Choir: Lord of all, to Thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

## CONFESSION AND PRAYER

Call to Confession:

Psalm 32:1-5

Prayer of Confession:

**Holy God, you have given us many good gifts. Today we thank you for all of them, but we also confess that sometimes we love those gifts more than we love you. We confess wanting more and more things, rather than glorying in your grace for us. Forgive us for not being content and thankful. Forgive our selfishness. Help us to love you more than everything else. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Responsive Reading of the Assurance of Pardon:

Psalm 103:1-5; 8-12

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—**

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.**

God's Will for Our Lives:

Deuteronomy 8:10-11

## Choral and Congregational Response: "A Jubilant Thanksgiving"

Shafferman/arr. Drennan

Choir: Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.

Come, sing a song of joyful praise!

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.

God, our Maker, doth provide for our want to be supplied.

Come, give Him thanks and praise His name.

Be still, and know that He is God, the author of creation.

Be still, and know that He is God, the ruler of all nations.

Then let the sea roar, and all the fills it; let the hills sing together for joy.

Let the trumpets sound, and clap your hands!

Make a noise, make a noise, make a joyful noise!

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Praise God from whom blessings flow, praise Him, creatures here below.

Come, give Him thanks, come, give Him thanks,

come, sing and praise His name!

**All: Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices.  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms, hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is our today.**

## Mission Report

## Congregational Prayer

### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

\* Hymn: Bulletin p. 7 "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

MELITA

[Children age 3 - grade Pre-K may leave after the hymn.]

\* Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Philippians 4:4-9

Sermon: *Don't Worry; Be Happy?*

Theme: The Grace of Serenity in the Face of Anxiety

Prayer:

**O God and Heavenly Father,  
Grant to us the serenity to accept that which cannot be changed;  
Courage to change that which can be changed,  
and Wisdom to know the one from the other,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

\* Hymn: PH 545

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

TEMPLE

### THE OFFERING OF TRIBUTE

\* Offertory Prayer

Offerings: Fairlawn General Fund

Offertory: "Thanks Be to God"

Handel/arr. Wolford

## BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

\* Benediction:

Romans 15:5–6

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

\* Doxology: PH 318, vv. 2–4

“The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Is Ended”

ST. CLEMENT

\* Postlude