

Reign of Christ, 25th /Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 26, 2017
Theme: "Living a Christ Centered Life in a Changing World"

WE GATHER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KING

*Call to Worship (based on Psalm 100):

Around the world this day,
The universal church celebrates the "The Reign of Christ."

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,
has been enthroned above all authority and power
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,
serve the Lord with gladness
come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet,
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns
as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
come into his courts with praise.
Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

*Hymn: "**Christ is King**" BoP#272 (alt. tune)

*God's Greeting (from 2 Corinthians 13:14):

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

*We Pass the Peace of Christ to Our Neighbour

WE ARE RENEWED IN GOD'S GRACE

*Song: "**Holy, Holy, Holy**" BoP#299

*Our Adoration to the King of Glory (from Psalm 24):

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.
The world and all its people belong to him.
**For he laid the earth's foundation on the seas
and built it on the ocean depths.**

Who may climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
**Those whose hands and hearts are pure,
They will receive the Lord's blessing**

Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
be lifted up, ye everlasting doors;
that the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?

The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
**Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
lift them up, ye everlasting doors;
that the King of glory shall come in.**

Who is this King of glory?
**The Lord almighty,
he is the King of glory.**

Song: **"Open the Eyes of My Heart"**

Our Prayer of Confession:

God, forgive us. Our communion is not always visible to the world. Sometimes we allow threats to unity to enter the church, making it hard to see that we are your community. We act as though we do not need each other. We do not always love one another. We do not know and bear one another's burdens. We fail to build each other up. We do not always give ourselves willingly and joyfully to one another. Forgive us, and strengthen us so that we may live in the unity that you grant us. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

*Song of Gratitude: **"He Is Lord"** (with solo voice)

A Time of Sharing with the Youth

Topic: "The Sky is the Limit"

Youth Songs: **"What a Mighty God We Serve/He is Exalted"**

GOD SPEAKS TO US FROM HIS WORD

Prayer for Understanding

The Reading of Scripture:

Psalm 95:1-7

Ephesians 1: 15-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

Sermon: "Christ brings Hope for All People"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

*Song of Response: **"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less/Cornerstone"**

*Our Affirmation of Our Faith (*Adapted from the Belgic Confession, Article 10*)

**We believe that Jesus Christ,
according to his divine nature,
is the only Son of God—
eternally begotten,
not made nor created,
Conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

**He is one in essence with the Father;
coeternal;
the exact image of the person of the Father**

and the "reflection of his glory,"
being in all things like him.

So then,
he is the true eternal God,
the Almighty,
whom we invoke,
worship, and serve.

Prayers of God's People, concluded with the Lord's prayer

WE BRING OUR GIFTS

Work and Witness of our Church

A Time of Giving

Sung Response: **"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"** BoP#79

WE GO OUT TO LIVE AS SERVANTS OF CHRIST

The Benediction

Recessional Song: **"Soon and Very Soon"**

