

Peace United Church of Christ
Last Sunday of the Church Year
Feast of the Sovereignty of Christ
Transgender Day of Remembrance Sunday

1111 North 11th Avenue East, Duluth, MN 55805
November 20, 2022 10:30 am

“Christ is presented to us as the shepherd king, king and shepherd of all the world’s peoples, of all of history. It is for us, hierarchy and people, to proclaim the eternal, sole, and universal kingship of Christ and to bring it about that all peoples, families, and persons submit to him. His is not a despotic regime, but a regime of love.”-Oscar Romero, martyred archbishop of El Salvador



“O Rex Gentium” means “God of the Nations” and is one of the traditional Advent antiphons which make up verses of O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Prelude

Invocation

Welcome Song

All Belong Here by The Many

Musical score for the Welcome Song. The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is accompanied by guitar chords: D, Bm7, G, A, D, Bm7, G, Asus, Bm, F#m, G, G, Asus, Bm, A, G. The lyrics are: "Come and re-mem-ber who you are here. Do this to__ re-mem-ber who I am. Come and re-mem - ber you be - long here. All be-long here. At__ this ta - ble__ come as you are, bro - ken and bleed-ing's o - k.____ At__ this ta - ble__ eat and be filled, come__ and drink in this grace.____"

Ringing of the Bells

Announcements

Call to Worship

"Thy kingdom come."

We pray, scarcely pondering the meaning of these words.

Whose kingdom? Whom do we claim as our ruler?

Jesus. Jesus.

Jesus?

The one sent from God.

The one killed by the power of the empire.

Jesus, whose life lives on in love.

Jesus, in whose realm we live.

Jesus, a King like none other.

*Hymn Crown with Your Richest Crowns

*Crown with your richest crowns the Lamb upon the throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you.
And to your risen Savior bring your thanks for life made new.*

*Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
Look past the peak of Calvary's road to Christ the glorified.
The sun that lights the sky is pale before that sight.
At prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mysteries so bright.*

*Crown Christ the truth, the life who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife this fallen world to save.*

*Christ's glories now we sing, Christ's name we magnify.
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.*

*Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a sceptre sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise;
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wounded feet
A fragrant garden shall extend forever green and sweet.*

*Crown Christ who holds the years, embracing space and time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For you have died for me;
Your praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

Welcoming New Members

Story for all Ages

Sending the Children

*Goodbye sweet children, it's time to leave this place,
May our love hold you all with grace.
Our hearts go with you 'til you come back to this place.
So we bid you goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.*

Transgender Day of Remembrance Memorial

*Jesus, remember me, when you come into your glory.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your glory.*

Transgender Day Testimonial

M Hakes

Gospel

Luke 23:33-43 Cindy Macaulay

When they came to the place called "The Skull," they nailed the hands and feet of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) to a tree-pole—the cross. They did the same for the two criminals, putting one on each side of him. "Father, forgive them!" Creator Sets Free (Jesus) cried out. "They do not know what they are doing." The soldiers divided up his garments and gambled for them by drawing straws. The people watched as the spiritual leaders mocked him. "He set others free," they said, "why can he not free himself, if he is Creator's Chosen One?" The soldiers offered Creator Sets Free (Jesus) wine mixed with bitter herbs and mocked him. "If you are the Great Chief of the tribes," they laughed, "then set yourself free." Above his head, carved above the crossbeam, were these words in three languages:

THIS IS THE CHIEF OF THE TRIBES OF WRESTLES WITH CREATOR

One of the thieves next to him spewed out angry words, "If you are the Chosen One, save yourself and us!" Then the other thief spoke up and said, "Have you no fear or respect for the Great Spirit? We are guilty and suffering for our own wrongdoings, but this man has done nothing wrong!"

First Nations Translation

Anthem "All Good Gifts" from "Godspell", M Hakes, soloist

Sermon

Pastor Jim Mitulski

Response

How Could Anyone Ever Tell You

Libby Roderick

*How could anyone ever tell you you were anything less than beautiful?
How could anyone ever tell you you were less than whole?
How could anyone fail to notice that your loving is a miracle?
How deeply you're connected to my soul.*

Community Prayers, Candle Lighting, and the Lord's Prayer

Offertory *Ride on King Jesus* Sung by M Hakes

Closing Song *How Can I Say Thanks*

*How can I say thanks
For the things you have done for me
Things so undeserved
Yet You gave to prove your love for me
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to thee*

*To God be the glory, to God be the glory
To God be the glory,
For the things He has done
With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory,
For the things He has done
Just let me live my life
And let it be pleasing Lord to thee
And if I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary, Calvary...*

*With His blood He has saved me
With His power He has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things He has done
He has done!*

Invitation to the Day

Benediction

Postlude

Musicians: Ron Deters, Tres Commer, Daniel Pospisil, Dan Sheppard
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