



WELCOME

LIFE OF THE CONGREGATION

CHIMING THE HOUR/TIME OF CENTERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Kelly Hernandez

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has looked favorably on God's people.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has called us God's own beloved and called us each by name.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for God has blessed God's creation and called us to worship.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*PRAYER FOR THE DAY

God of all times and places, be with us here in this moment. Just as you have spoken through prophets and poets, we pray that we might hear your message this day. Just as you have spoken to your people through deeds and miracles, we pray that we might have eyes to see your kingdom in our midst. Just as you have called your people to act in the beauty of your creation, we pray that we might have feet to move and hands to bless the world. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God | No. 643

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.*

Now Thank We All Our God
TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636
MUSIC: Johann Crüger, 1647;
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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus as the king and model of our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ but slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy, and forgiveness, but quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love, and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit. Amen. *(A time for silent confession)*

POURING OF THE WATER

Because of the grace we receive in baptism, we have nothing to fear.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

All things, in heaven and on earth, are being reconciled in Jesus Christ - our God who chooses to make God's home among us. Therefore, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me | No. 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

CHILDREN'S TIME

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
TEXT: Trad. Liturgical text; adapt. Paul M. Vasile, 2008
MUSIC: Paul M. Vasile, 2008
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SPECIAL MUSIC

We Thank Thee | Grace Choir
Music by Adam and Matt Podd

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 1:68-79

*HYMN

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom | No. 378

*We wait the peaceful kingdom, when wolf and lamb shall lie
in gentleness and friendship without a fear or sigh,
When lion shall be grazing, when snake shall never strike;
a little child shall lead us both strong and weak alike.*

Let All Things Now Living
TEXT: John Thompson
MUSIC: arr. By Nylea L. Butler-Moore
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*Where is the peaceful kingdom? When will this new day start?
We long for peace and comfort to reign within each heart.
Yet not in our lives only, nor simply in our home:
we pray that all creation will one day find shalom.*

*When wars of desolation and hate come to an end,
when nation meets nation and calls the other "friend,"
Still peace in all its fullness will only have begun:
shalom for all creation begins with justice done.*

*That little child shall lead us to walk the chosen way,
to share the peaceful kingdom, to greet God's newborn day.
The child born in a stable is sent to break our chains,
to bring through word and table the day when justice reigns.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 23:1-6

SERMON

"King of the Flock" | Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*

Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. The church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before God. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Living Word by which God upholds all things. We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church's vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become an organ of the State. The church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of God's own Living Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Glory to God | pg. 35

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, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen

CALL TO GIVE,

OFFERING & OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (OLD HUNDREDTH) | No. 606

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

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, you have looked upon your people with mercy, generosity, and love. We offer these gifts for your hurting and broken world. May they be multiplied to do your service. May we be strengthened to do your work. In the name of Christ the King, who multiplied small gifts and fed the multitudes. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

Lift Up the Gates Eternal | No. 364

REFRAIN:

*Lift up the gates eternal; lift up your voices;
the King of glory comes; the nation rejoices.*

*See, all the earth is God's, its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.
Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.*

[REFRAIN]

*Come, lift your voices high; be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches; come, shout the story.
Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.*

[REFRAIN]

*Come, lift your heads with joy; come, lift up your tower;
the King of glory comes in full might and power.
Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of Hosts, the victory is bringing.*

[REFRAIN]

We Gather Together
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*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

Remember you are a child of God: And God loves God's children.

NOV 23 - 30

Events & Celebrations

SUN 23	MON 24	TUE 25	THU 27	SUN 30
Christ the King Worship, 10:00AM Fellowship, 11:15AM ADVENT DECORATING NA of EP, 3:00PM	BIRTHDAYS Jen Fox Brandy Adams	GraceB4Work, 7:00AM	Thanksgiving (office closed) Friendsgiving, 4:00PM BIRTHDAY	ADVENT 1 Sunday Worship, 10:00AM NOISY OFFERING Fellowship, 11:15AM NA of EP, 3:00PM

Pastor Janie will be on vacation Nov. 25-29. For urgent pastoral needs,
please contact Connie Chapman or Kelly Hernandez

Prayers & Concerns

Mary & Mark Dunn	Zoomer Roberts	Pat Bryant	Bob Hedicke
Corey Elson	Mary Province	Pete McMillan	Mildred Helm

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TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS

Pastor — Rev. Janie McElwee-Smith
Music Director—Brittney Williams
Additional Accompaniment—Bill Rose

Liturgist—Kelly Hernandez
Accompanist/Pianist—Patricia Ann Provencio
Technology—Angel Martinez, Bob Jones & Jim Collins

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