

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please use the welcome pad in the blue folder at the end of the pew. Record your presence. Pass it back, noticing who is worshipping with you. When the pad has been returned, please tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate.)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we think today about Jesus as Christ the King, we confess that we hesitate over his rule in our hearts. We resist turning our understanding of power and authority upside down. We are ashamed to admit our desire for prestige and privilege. Forgive us, O God, and help us to hear anew Jesus' words that whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all. We confess our failure to grasp that your reign is found whenever domination is overcome, whenever justice is experienced, and whenever people are released from prejudice and exploitation. Forgive us, O God, any involvement in the pursuit of power that exploits or demeans others. Forgive us, O God, when we forget that doing your will is our greatest priority. Renew us with your Spirit, so that our lives testify to the truth of your kingdom, as we pray in the name of Jesus.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News: in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579 *Gloria Patri*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.*

* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*
Response - *“And also with you.”*)

TIME WITH CHILDREN

* HYMN 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

+ *Children and Youth leave for their Bible Study Classes.* +

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 23:1-7

ANTHEM

He is King of Kings

arr. Alice Parker

CHANCEL CHOIR WITH RICKY RYERSON, MEZZO-SOPRANO

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33-38

SERMON

“Magic Eye”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

OFFERTORY

My Eternal King

Jane M. Marshall

My God, I love thee, not because I hope for heaven thereby, nor yet because, if I love not, I must forever die. Thou, O my Jesus, thou didst me upon the cross embrace; for me didst bear the nails and spear and manifold disgrace. Then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well? Not for the sake of winning heaven, nor of escaping hell. Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward, but as thyself hast loved me, O everlasting Lord. So would I love thee, dearest Lord, and in thy praise will sing; Solely because thou art my God and my eternal King.

* THE DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

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

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THE SENDING OUT

* HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

* BENEDICTION

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Te Deum

Denis Bedard

(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)

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TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Samuel 23:1-7 (NRSV)

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: ²The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. ³The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, ⁴is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. ⁵Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? ⁶But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; ⁷to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

John 18:33-38 (NRSV)

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him."

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