

Joys and Concerns

Prayer List...

Brad Lange, Carolyn Hendrickson, the Family of Lon Mills, Christy, Julie Ratka's Aunt, Jeff Schutz, Marjorie Madsen, Marjorie Hultquist, Maxine Grams, and Lori Conyers's Parents.

This week's birthdays:

Sandra Space	Tyler Nolan
Laurie Clement	Gabe Walmsley
Lynette Beahm	Bob Peterson
Marilyn Rasmussen	

Pastoral Prayer—The Lord's Prayer

Doxology #94
"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Offertory Prayer

O God who abundantly provides, you bless us with riches of your kingdom, both in heaven and on earth. It is our desire to give thanks to you and to offer these gifts with joy in honor you. Bless and multiply this Thanksgiving offering, that others may know your goodness and grace, and share with us in the joy of your abundant life. Amen.

Closing Hymn "We Gather Together" #131

Benediction

Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God's world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God's people. Love this world as God has loved you. Care tenderly always for all of creation. Go and faithfully serve in the name of Jesus. AMEN.

Postlude

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Order of Worship

November 22, 2020

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

**2020 Vision: Extend Hospitality to Strangers
Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors.**

Prelude

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Welcome and Announcements

1. From today, we only offer online-worship services until further notice.
2. The Charge Conference by the Ad Council will be at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, November 24.
3. The Sunday school will have a break this week for Thanksgiving Day.
4. We are collecting the commitment card. Please send to the church office.
5. As the advent season starts, we are looking for volunteers who can light up the advent candles at worship time. If you are interested, please contact the church office.
6. Last week we received offerings of \$1,530.00. Thank you for the offerings, prayers, and food pantry items.

Call to Worship

L: We offer our loyalty and praise to a powerful God.

P: We submit ourselves to the God who sent Jesus in vulnerability.

L: Let us worship Christ our Sovereign, who modeled the power of love.

P: Let us worship the Risen Christ, who opened up the gates of Paradise.

Christ THE King
SUNDAY

Opening Prayer

Tender, comforting Shepherd, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. But sometimes it is hard, so very hard, to open ourselves to your love. We feel like scattered sheep, frightened and alone.

Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Opening Hymn "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" #694

Children's Time

Scriptures

Ginger Frizane

Ezekiel 34:11-16

"For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them. As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness. I will bring them out from the nations and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them into their own land. I will pasture them on the mountains of Israel, in the ravines and in all the settlements in the land. I will tend them in a good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel will be their grazing land. There they will lie down in good grazing land, and there they will feed in a rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign Lord. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice.

Ezekiel 34:20-24

"Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says to them: See, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you shove with flank and shoulder, butting all the weak sheep with your horns until you have driven them away, I will save my flock, and they will no longer be plundered. I will judge between one sheep and another. I will place over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he will tend them; he will tend them and be their shepherd. I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David will be prince among them. I the Lord have spoken.

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?'

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.'

"They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?'

"He will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.'

"Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message "Jesus Christ is the King" Pastor Peter Choi

Hymn "Now Thank We All Our God" #102