**November 21, 2021**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

1. Welcome to November: Monday evenings 7 PM Bible 101, other things?

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**Candle lighting**

On this Sunday, as we come to light our Christ candle for the final time this Christian year, we give thanks, first of all, for all the saints who have held the Christ Light for us when we had no strength to hold it ourselves.

**We give thanks for all the saints whose lives stand as witness to light and love, and who invite our light to join theirs.**

And we give thanks also for those whose work for peace and justice, inspiring us to learn, grow, and discover our own light in this good work of healing the world with God’s love.

*The Christ candle is lit.*

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**Call to Worship**

Friends, people of God, we gather on this glorious day to worship. It is the last Sunday before we begin to celebrate Advent.

**We call this day Reign of Christ Sunday.**

It is a little like New Year’s Eve.

We take time to reflect on who Christ was, is, and will always be.

So, let’s settle in and be a praying people. Let us pray…

**God, our leader, we give you thanks for guiding with compassion and sensitivity.**

For the sake of this confusing, mixed-up world, we turn to you as monarch, wise and concerned for your people.

**May all your beloved ones experience the wonder of blessed wholeness.**

Let your light shine into obscured places. Let hope echo into empty valleys.

**Let possibility unfold into new life.**

**In the name of the Reigning Christ, we pray.**

Pulpit

**Opening Prayer (not on screen)**

Merciful Jesus, we proclaim you as the Lord of our life, but we do not always live out that claim in our thoughts and actions. We have not obeyed your commands. We have pursued our own will rather than embody our prayer that your will would be done.

Identifying with the powers and principalities, we have forgotten our true citizenship in your coming kingdom. Remind us of your promise that you will come again and bring your reign of justice, peace, grace, and shared abundance as our prophet, priest, and king. Amen.

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**Opening Hymn: MV 183** *I’m Gonna Shout, Shout*

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**Connection Time: Allegience in faith – guides our decisions.**

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**Reading from Scripture:**

**Psalm 132 part one (on pages 854-855)**

Center **Revelations 1:4b-8**

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from God who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To Jesus who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Parent, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;  
    every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him;  
    and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**Sermon:** Who shall reign over you?

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**Hymn: VU 330** *Jesus Shall Reign*

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**Prayer over offering**

Great Calling God, we dedicate these offerings and our lives to you and your way, as have the saints of the past. Bless them. Multiply them. Use them as you will. Amen.

**DOXOLOGY MV # 149** *Peace for the Children*

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**Prayers of the People**

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**The Lord’s Prayer (Sung, VU 960)**

**Hymn: VU 642** *Be Thou My Vision*

**Commissioning**

Let us go trusting in God’s never-ending care.

**Let us go seeking to be God’s people.**

Let us go enfolded in praise and prayer.

**Let us go to be people of peace, justice, and right relationships. Amen.**

Post Service Slides

**Postlude (Colin Bonneau)**

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