



Christ the King Sunday

WHITNEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 22, 2020 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Christina Thompson

WELCOME—Welcome to worship today. I am Rev. Christina Thompson, Pastor here at Whitney United Methodist Church. Today is Christ the King Sunday when we celebrate the coming reign of Christ.

LIGHTING THE CANDLE

I invite you to light your candle as a reminder that Christ is our light that shines in the darkness. May this light guide us today.

CALL TO WORSHIP

based on Ezekiel 34

Leader: The Lord God is our shepherd.

People: Thank you God for seeking us out.

Leader: We are the people of God's pasture, the sheep of God's hand.

People: Thank you God for feeding us and providing what we need

Leader: God will seek the lost, feed the hungry, and strengthen the weak. But the proud and power-hungry will be fed with justice.

People: Thank you for being our God and our Shepherd.

OPENING SONG

Six Ways to Sunday (Band)

Forever God is Faithful

Verse 1

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise (x2)

Verse 2

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Pre-Chorus
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus (x2)

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong

Forever God is with us
Forever forever

Verse 3

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

Chorus (x3)

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION and OPENING PRAYER

With sincere and repentant hearts, let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.

Hear these words of forgiveness --- However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Siblings in Christ, be assured: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

God of majesty, you love us with an everlasting love and show us the way to justice and peace. In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the whole world to you and claimed us as your own, that we may live as his body on earth and, with all the saints, enter into your glory on the last day. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

SERMON

Rev. Christina

God as Shepherd and King

SONG

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us 381 v. 1,2,3

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Verse 1

Saviour like a shepherd lead us
Much we need thy tender care
In thy pleasant pastures feed us
For our use thy folds prepare
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us thine we are
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Thou hast bought us thine we are

Verse 2

We are thine do thou befriend us
Be the guardian of our way
Keep thy flock from sin defend us
Seek us when we go astray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Hear O hear us when we pray

Verse 3

Thou hast promised to receive us
Poor and sinful though we be
Thou hast mercy to relieve us
Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to thee
Blessed Jesus blessed Jesus
Early let us turn to thee

PASTORAL PRAYER

Our Shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith, let us pray to the Lord, saying, Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church.... As you have made Christ the head of all, help us to live faithfully as his body, continuing his mission in the world. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth.... Let all the earth make a joyful noise to you, a song of praise to the rock of our salvation, for you are coming to reveal a new creation. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations.... Drive out those wolves in sheep's clothing who abuse the weak and scatter the flock. Come and save us; bring justice and peace. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community.... Help us to see Christ among our neighbors, serving those who are hungry and thirsty, naked and lonely, sick or in prison. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones.... Remember the people of your pasture: rescue the lost, bind up the broken, heal the sick, and feed those who hunger. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dewey Knowles

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

In gratitude for the immeasurable gift of Jesus Christ, let us bring our tithes and offerings to God.

The ways of giving to the church are listed there on the screen.

Let us pray over the gifts that will be collected.

Holy God, use us, and these gifts, to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and honor your presence in all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns 327 v. 1, 2, 4

Verse 1

Crown Him with many crowns
The Lamb upon His throne
Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of Him who died for thee
And hail Him as thy matchless King
Through all eternity

Verse 2

Crown Him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife
For those He came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Verse 4

Crown Him the Lord of peace
Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole
That wars may cease
And all be prayer and praise
His reign shall know no end
And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of paradise extend
Their fragrance ever sweet

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SENDING FORTH Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
serving faithfully until Christ comes to welcome his people home.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the Peace of the Risen Christ be with you
And also with you

INVITATION TO NEXT WEEK

I invite you to join us next week as we begin the season of Advent,
preparing our hearts for Christmas.

After worship, you are invited to join us for fellowship time. The
link to join us is in the email you received with the links to this
service. There are also instructions on this screen. We will gather
about 10:45.

Join us on our Facebook Group Whitney United Methodist church
group to chat about the service. You can join the conversation
anytime.

There are many ways to connect with us even as we are physically
distancing.

Our radio program Reach Out and Trust broadcasts on KBXL 94.1
FM on Sunday mornings at 7:30 am and 11:30 am.

May God be with us until we meet again

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