

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

We Gather

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and was and is to come,

People: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead and the kings of the earth.

Leader: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

People: The whole earth is full of God's glory.

Confession

Call to Confession

Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remain after we have indulged our desire. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick to times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow even at the cost of our lives. Amen

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus' name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world--as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are--for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen

We Are Sent into the World

Closing Hymn Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain:

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,
Washing up its silver spray,
We will talk and worship ever,
All the happy golden day. [***Refrain***]

Ere we reach the shining river,
Lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver,
And provide a robe and crown. [***Refrain***]

At the smiling of the river,
Mirror of the Savior's face,
Saints, whom death will never sever,
Lift their songs of saving grace. [***Refrain***]

Soon we'll reach the silver river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Benediction

Benediction Response

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious, gracious, gracious to you,
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you,
And give you, give you, give you peace.*

Leader: Go in Peace. Love and serve the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

We Fellowship Together

Virtual Coffee Time and Sharing

Helping Us Worship

Minister to the Congregation:

Rev. Jeannette Conver

Music Leader:

Peter Olson

Scripture Reader:

Karen Zidovsky

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: November 21, 2022 after church, 11:15am. Topics: Pastors report, Treasurer's report and Discussion/vote on 2022 CCC Budget. We will meet in the sanctuary so our Zoomers may participate in the meeting.

Poinsettias: The first Sunday of Advent is November 28, 2021. Envelopes are available on the hymnal stands. You may either put your completed envelope with check in the offering basket or basket that is on the hymnal stand. Poinsettias are \$10 each. Zoomers may send a check to the Covenant Community Church; 1 Whitcomb Meadows Lane; Essex Junction, VT 05452 with check and number of poinsettias ordering. After Christmas A time will be arranged for Zoomers to pick up their poinsettias if desired.

Community Announcement

Seated Tai Chi: Hello. I am a certified Tai Chi Vermont instructor and volunteer to teach through our local agency on aging, Age Well. I am trying to reach people who are 60+ or who have limiting conditions that would like to improve their overall health, balance, and general well-being by actively doing Seated Tai Chi.

I currently teach Seated Tai Chi via ZOOM and have room for more participants. Classes can also be expanded to in-person classes. I have been offered a teaching space at St. Thomas Church, Underhill. I require a minimum of 15 people to justify the cost of heat and lights for the room the church has graciously offered. Space is handicapped accessible. Classes are free.

We meet twice a week, Tues. & Thurs., from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. Interested in hearing more. Please contact Jo Osborne at joannosborne2@gmail.com (preferred) or by phone 899-1883 (evenings). [Note: Jo and I are teaching Standing Tai Chi at CCC. - Billie Hall]

Rev. 1: 4b-8

4 This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia.[Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit before his throne; **5** and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. **6** He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

7 Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

And everyone will see him—
even those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the world
will mourn for him.

Yes! Amen!

8 “I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,”[c] says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

John 18: 33-37

33 Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him. **34** Jesus replied, “Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?” **35** “Am I a Jew?” Pilate retorted. “Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?” **36** Jesus

answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

37 Pilate said, “So you are a king?” Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”

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