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The Celebration of Worship Christ the King

November 26, 2017

10:30 AM

Worship is broadcast at 11 AM on WCHS-580AM

A warm welcome is extended to all who worship here today.
Large print hymnals, Bibles, hearing devices,
and information about child care are available from any usher.

If your hearing aid has a button for telephone use, turn it on now
to receive sound directly to your hearing aid.



All children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship.
Clipboards, children's Bibles and books to borrow during worship are located at the entrances.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

We Gather

TIME FOR PREPARATION

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Psalm 100

PRELUDE

Festivity on "Come Thou Fount"
Paula Legge, organist

Douglas Wagner

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

We Praise God

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill McCoy

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Sing to the King

Billy Foote, Charles Silvester Horne

Sing to the King Who is com - ing to reign. Glo - ry to
 For His re - turn - ing we watch and we pray. We will be
 Je - sus, the Lamb that was slain. Life and sal - va - tion His em - pire shall bring,
 read - y the dawn of that day. We'll join in singing with all the re - deemed
 — and joy to the na - tions when Je - sus is King.
 — 'cause Sa - tan is van - quished and Je - sus is King.
 Come, let us sing a song, a song de - clar - ing that we be - long to Je -
 - sus! He is all we need. Lift up a heart of praise!
 Sing now with voic - es raised to Je - sus! Sing to the King!
 Sing to the King! Sing to the King! Sing to the King!

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*PRAYER OF ADORATION

Christian Johnson

*RESPONSE

May Your Kingdom Come

Kirk Dearman

May Your king - dom come. May Your will be done
 On earth as it is in heav - en.
 May Your king - dom come. May Your will be done
 On earth as it is in heav - en. Fine
 Fa - ther, es - tab - lish Your king - dom.
 Je - sus, es - tab - lish Your will in my life.
 Fa - ther, es - tab - lish Your will in my life.
 Je - sus, es - tab - lish Your will in my life.

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D.C. al Fine

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ginna Taylor

God of promises and possibilities, we admit that we color the world according to our own limited vision. Forgive us when we are unjust in our judgments, listening only to voices with which we agree. Hear us as we let go of our sins and renew our covenant with You.

Please continue to pray silently.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WELCOME AND CELEBRATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Bill McCoy

Please sign the friendship pad placed at pew's end, so we may greet each other by name.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Doug Chambers

*PASSING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN 336

We Gather Together

KREMSER

We Declare our Faith

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Ginna Taylor

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

HYMN 581

*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.*

We Give Thanks to God

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Christian Johnson

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.

OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE

Offertory

Like a Shepherd

John Rasley

*Doxology

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Christian Johnson

God of great wonders, we join with You in the joy of giving. You give us life and breath. You fill the world with beauty, our hands with bounty, and our hearts with the desire to give. Accept these gifts, and ourselves in Your service. Amen.

The Word is Proclaimed

ANTHEM

Simple Gifts

Shaker tune, arr. Schweizer

*'Tis a gift to be simple. 'Tis a gift to be free. 'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*'Tis a gift to be loving. 'Tis a gift to be kind. 'Tis a gift to leave our bitterness behind,
And when we find ourselves in a place just right, 'twill be in the valley of love and delight.*

*When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.
To turn, turn, will be our delight 'till by turning, turning, we come 'round right.*

The Geneva Choir

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Pew Bible, OT, p. 803

Monty Warner

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23; Pew Bible, NT, p. 191

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:1-32; Pew Bible, NT, p. 78

Bill McCoy

SERMON

THE PRODIGAL GOD:
The Feast of the Father

Bill McCoy

*CONCLUDING HYMN 513

This is the Feast of Victory

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

*INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP AND BENEDICTION

Christian Johnson

*HYMN OF PARTING

HYMN 541

*God be with you till we meet again. Loving councils guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you. God be with you till we meet again.*

POSTLUDE

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

arr. Janet Linker

We gather to worship,
We scatter to serve,
In the relentless love of Christ.

The asterisks (*) invite you to stand in body or in spirit.

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In worship leadership last Sunday: We thank Sam Keller for chiming the Trinity and Amelia Keller, James Odin and Ruth Odin for serving as acolytes during worship November 19.

Restrooms and water fountains are found through the double doors to the left of the chancel; please accompany children.

Childcare. Nursery and Rooms 112 and 114

Elder visitation: Terry Potesta, Taylor Raab, Karen Reed

The fresh flowers in the sanctuary today and a contribution to the Hunger Fund have been given for the glory of God and in loving memory of parents, Bob and Rachel McCue, by Bill and Carolyn Mullett and family.

Greeters today: Raegan Elmore, Dave and Lori Nolan, Susan Watkins

We are thankful for the gifts given this week to the Recreation Memorial and Gift Fund.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO KEEP THIS BULLETIN OR DROP IT IN THE RECYCLING BOX AS YOU EXIT. THANK YOU!

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