

AN EVER-WIDENING CIRCLE OF GRACE



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Christ the King Sunday
November 25, 2018 | 9:00 and 11:00

*As a courtesy, please silence cell phones before worship.
A "+" indicates all are invited to stand in either body or spirit.*

WE GATHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH ALIVE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul.

**All: O Lord, my God, you stretch out the heavens above.
You set the earth on its foundations.
You bless us with the abundance of the earth.**

One: O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all and
the earth is full of your goodness.
Thanks be to God!

All: Thanks be to God indeed!

+HYMN 327: FROM ALL THAT DWELL BELOW THE SKIES (*vs 1 and 3*)

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: Let us make our own silent confession before the Lord.

~ *silence* ~

One: Let wickedness be no more!
Bless you, Lord and King. You are kind and merciful.
Correct us and renew us in your image, we pray.

**All: We often think stewardship over creation means the
invitation to do what we like.**

Men: When we plunder the planet's resources and risk scarcity
for future generations, correct our ways, Lord.

Women: *When we hoard the good things for ourselves,
and say others must provide for their own needs,
correct our ways, Lord.*

Men: When we abuse and mistreat the creatures of the earth,
beautiful and varied, correct our ways, Lord.

Women: *When we disrespect our fellow humanity,
by marginalizing and insulting them,
correct our ways, Lord.*

All: Let wickedness be no more!
Bless you, Lord and King. You are kind and merciful.
Correct us and renew us in your image, we pray.

+ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: By the word of Jesus, we are forgiven.

All: **Forgiven through the ups and downs of our lives,
on the mountaintop, in the depths, day by day.
Forgiven and made new, affirming goodness is stronger
than evil, life stronger than death.**

+PASSING THE PEACE

One: Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.
Let us love one another, for love is from God.

All: **Jesus promised it and I believe Him,
so I strive to love, and I share Christ's peace with all.**
(You are invited to greet one another in peace.)

+GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

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**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

WE GROW

WEE WORSHIP

PSALM 93 (*see insert*)

Emergent psalmist

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Bill Carter

SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

MESSAGE

"No thanks."

Rev. John Dillon

+HYMN 127: HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING /
JESUS, THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

OFFERING:

"Come Sunday"

Duke Ellington

+DOXOLOGY: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow GTG 606
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

+PRAYER OF DEDICATION

WE GO

+HYMN 366: LOVE DIVINE, ALL LOVES EXCELLING

+SENDING

*We gather in grace, we grow in grace, we go in grace...
The journey continues in an ever-widening circle of grace.*

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