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Messiah office hours: Tuesday – Thursday 10-2pm; Friday 1:30 – 5:30pm

Worship for Sunday, November 21, 2021
Christ the King Sunday

Assisting with Worship: Thank to all those who gave assistance with the service.

Sunday Worship Service: In person and live broadcast on-line, begins at 10:30am. Pre-registration is not required, but the wearing of masks is mandatory. Covid vaccinations and hand sanitizing are encouraged. Offering is collected as you enter the Sanctuary. The service is taped for later viewing on the Messiah Facebook page and website.

Prayers for Healing and On-Going Health Concerns:

For all those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

This Week:

Today: Sunday School at 11:45am, right after Worship Service on Zoom (call Messiah office or Pastor Fran for the link).

► **Youth “House Party”** – Today, from 2-4pm! The info link will be sent out, or please contact Pastor Fran for more information.

Confirmation: Tonight at 7 pm

Thursday: Bible study has been moved to Thursdays throughout November. Pastor Fran is leading a study on “Spirituality and Trauma” through Camp Kuriakos, Sylvan Lake, AB. You’re invited to participate in the morning or evening sessions. Contact Camp Kuriakos for registration at 403-764-2702.

Worship Assistants: There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for the various assisting roles during Sunday morning worship. Please have a look and sign up to read, usher, or operate power point. Thank you, in advance, for serving in this way!



Salvation Army Christmas Kettle at the Co-op Grocery store at Cornerstone on SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4: Volunteers are needed for the remaining shifts: 10:00am-12:00pm (1 person), 2:00-4:00pm (1 person); 6:00-8:00pm (2 persons). To volunteer, please contact the Messiah office or sign up on the sheet provided in the narthex. Vaccination Requirements: Volunteers need to be double vaccinated and will be asked to provide dates of their vaccination to the Messiah office, for the Salvation Army. You may also be asked to show your vaccine documentation to a Salvation Army representative at the Co-op. Ask for their identification before providing that information.

Christmas Card Writing Volunteers

Sending a greeting card is a way to connect with one another. If you are willing to help with writing Christmas cards (about 15 cards per volunteer) please contact the Messiah office. You can use your own cards or access cards from the church. Donation of cards would also be appreciated. Examples of what could be written in the cards is available. Thanks for being involved in our caring ministry here at Messiah. 2 Corinthians 9:15 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism

Delve deeply into anti-racism work with a 40-day time of learning, reflection, and advocacy! Each day from Tuesday, October 12 to Friday, November 26 (with the exception of Sundays) there will be a new reflection on anti-racism, as well as activities suitable for adults and children. These activities can be done alone, as a family, or in groups. During the 40 days, there will be different online events where you can gather and engage with the content from that day. Sign up for the newsletter (opens in a new tab) to keep up-to-date with the latest developments! For more information, see <https://united-church.ca/social-action/justice-initiatives/anti-racism/40-days-engagement-anti-racism>

Victory FM AGM: You are invited to attend the virtual/Zoom AGM for Victory FM on Sunday, November 25, at 6:45 pm. To participate, please email jcrye@shaw.ca to receive the link.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ☩ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God. Amen.

GATHERING HYMN: ELW#855 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" vs.1, 4 & 5

GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray, Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

A reading from Daniel.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. ¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

Word of God, word of life. Thanks be to God.

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¹The LORD is king, robed in majesty; the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The LORD has made the world so sure that it cannot be moved.

²Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; you are from everlasting.

³The waters have lifted up, O LORD, the waters have lifted up their voice; the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

⁵Your testimonies are very sure, and holiness befits your house, O LORD, forever and forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

A reading from Revelation.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Look! 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. ⁸"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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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW, p. 151

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

The Holy Gospel according to John in the eighteenth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

as well."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: "Just Can't Wait to be King!"

SERMON: "The King's Speech"

HYMN OF THE DAY: ELW#434 "Jesus Shall Reign" vs. 1, 3 & 5

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need, praying God in your mercy, and responding, hear our prayer.

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God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all. And also with you. We share a sign of that peace.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING HYMN: ELW#481 "Come to the Table"

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together, Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING (chanted) ELW, p. 152

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn, saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ELW, p. 153

Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, unite us Holy Spirit, as we share the body and blood Of Jesus Christ, our Lord;

To whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All who hunger and thirst, come. Eat, drink and be satisfied. Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

Now may the body and blood of our precious Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace, now and unto everlasting life. Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray, Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. In the name of the Father and of the Son +† and of the Holy Spirit. Three-Fold Sung Amen.

SENDING SONG: ELW#805 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.
Thanks be to God.