



DOUGLAS UCC
A JUST WORLD FOR ALL

Order of Service for Sunday, November 20, 2022

Reign of Christ Sunday

Thank you for joining us today.

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***- stand if you wish to, and are able.**

Congressional Responses in Bold

Prelude *We Gather Together*
Peter Black
(Please use this time for quiet reflection and preparation for worship)

Welcome & Announcements

Lighting of Altar Candles & Ringing in the Hour

Let us recognize the light of the world within us and ring in the hour of worship.

Introit (please stand)

Love and Justice

Love and justice, peace and power, show us how to live each hour. Raise us up and set us free, show us how to live and be. Tell your neighbors, tell your friends, here's a place hope never ends. Love and Justice, Peace, and Power – God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour. God is with us in this hour.

Call to Worship

Psalm 93

Reader: Stan Greene

One: God is our ruler. Our God is robed in majesty.

Many: Our Sovereign is robed and is girded with strength.

One: Our God has established the world; it shall never be moved.

Many: God's throne is established from of old. God's rule is everlasting.

One: God is more majestic than the thunders of mighty waters.

Many: More majestic than the waves of the sea is our God!

One: God's decrees are very sure; holiness reigns in God's house.

Many: God is our ruler. Our God is robed in majesty. Amen.

***Opening Hymn,**

Bring Forth the Kingdom

(Green Gather Hymnal No.658)

(Find Music at the end of this program)

Unison Prayer

for Transgender Day of Remembrance by Rabbi Rueben Zellman

God full of mercy, bless the souls of all who are in our hearts on this Transgender Day of Remembrance. We call to mind today young and old, of every race, faith, and gender experience, who have died by violence. We mourn their senseless deaths, and we give thanks for their lives and for the brief glow of each holy flame. And as we remember them, we pray, O God, that all those who perpetrate hate and violence will speedily come to understand that Your creation has many faces, many genders, many holy expressions. Blessed are they, who have allowed their divine image to shine in the world. Blessed is God, in Whom no light is extinguished. Amen.

Assurance of Grace and Peace

One: Peace be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us offer one another a sign of Peace.

Passing the Peace *Let It Breathe On Me*

*Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
let the breath of the spirit breathe on me.
Let it breathe on me, let it breathe on me,
Let the breath of God now breathe on me.*

Words of Integration & Guidance

Rev. Greg Wooley, United Church of Canada

Today is the Feast of Christ the King. I've always rebelled against this title, because for me it suggested monarchs of old conquering lands and people. But when I learned about the origins of Christ the King Sunday, I discovered it only goes back to World War I. The Church instituted the feast of Christ the King to remind Christians that their allegiance was to their spiritual ruler as opposed to earthly rulers. On this feast day, we ask ourselves: Will we, as individuals and as nations, seek the disintegrative forces of power and dominance, or will we seek the integration that comes with Christ's way of forgiveness and reconciliation and trust? It's a question that needs answering over and over again, and perhaps that's why each year, just before Advent, we have a time to ask that question. One year ago, as I prepared to preach on Christ the King Sunday, I encountered the work of Richard Rohr, who has done some remarkable work explaining the notion of the "Cosmic Christ." In this notion, found in our reading from Colossians today, Christ is present at the time of creation. Christ is seen as an aspect of God's own eternal existence. Rohr says, "The Christ is born the moment that God decides to materialize. Modern science would call that the Big Bang. The Big Bang is the birth of the Christ, 14.5 billion years ago – and this material manifestation has been revealing the glory of God, the nature of God, since then. In a moment of time (2,000 years ago) this cosmic Christ was revealed for us in a human person, Jesus, so that we could see and touch and hear and listen and fall in love with God." Christ didn't come to earth in human form to save or fix something that was broken. Christ came to earth in human form to embody the process of love that moves all life forward. Today, we celebrate that love, and we let it – not earthly rulers – reign over our lives.

Together in Christ

The Words of Holy Scripture

One: A Reading of Scripture from Colossians 1:11-20

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gospel Lesson

One: The Holy Gospel according to Luke 22:33-43

Many: **Glory to you, O Christ.**

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily

“A Different Kind of King,” **Rev. Salvatore Sapienza**

Offering & Offertory

Is He Worthy?

Jeff Spangler and Peter Black

Composer: Andrew Petersen and Ben Shive

Joys & Concerns/Tibetan Prayer Bell

One: Thanks be to God!

Many: **Alleluia!**

One: O God,

Many: **Hear our prayer.**

***Doxology** *Give Thanks to the Lord*

Give thanks to the Lord for God is good and God's mercy shall endure.

For God alone has done marv'lous things, give thanks unto the Lord.

God made the earth and heaven with a strong and mighty hand.

God has moved us to sing, proclaim this song!

Give thanks unto our God.

***Celebration of Holy Communion**

One: God be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: We lift them up to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God.

Many: It is good to give God thanks & praise

***Creation's Praise** *Holy Holy Holy*

Holy holy holy, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes, who comes in God's name.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Please be seated)

Breaking of the Bread *This is the Body of Christ*

This is the body of Christ.

Broken that we may be whole:

This cup, as promised by God,

true to the word, cradles our Lord.

Food for the good of the soul.

Sharing of the Bread & Cup

(grape juice only on both sides of the aisle)

Receive the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

The Cup of Love, the Drink of Compassion. **Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer**

Our Mother/Father, always and everywhere, 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.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

***Hymn of Sending** *Soon and Very Soon*
(Green Gather Hymnal No.770)
(Find Music at the end of this program)

Benediction

Postlude *All the Creatures of Our God and King*
Peter Black

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Bring Forth the Kingdom 658

Verses



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



Salt	for the King - dom of God!	Share the fla - vor of
Light	for the Cit - y of God!	Shine so ho - ly and
Bring forth	the King - dom of God!	Seeds of mer - cy and
Bound	for the King - dom of God!	Love our jour - ney and



life, O peo - ple:	Life in the King - dom of God!
bright, O peo - ple:	Shine for the King - dom of God!
seeds of jus - tice,	Grow in the King - dom of God!
love our home - land:	Love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the King - dom of mer - cy, Bring forth the



King - dom of peace; Bring forth the King - dom of jus - tice,



Bring forth the Cit - y of God!

770 Soon and Very Soon



1. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,
2. No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
3. No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
4. Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,



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 No more cry - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 No more dy - in' there we are goin' to see the King,
 Soon and ver - y soon we are goin' to see the King,

Hal-le -



lu - jah, Hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu -



jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah.