

**First Presbyterian Church of Springfield**  
**Order of Worship for Christ the King Sunday**

**November 22, 2020 at 11:15 a.m.**

Pastor: The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

Organist: Mike Belote

Worship Leader: Linda Thomas

**Welcome and Announcements**

We Approach God

**Call to Worship**

“I will search for my sheep,” says the Lord.

**Like lost lambs or scattered sheep, the Lord seeks us and calls us home.**

“I will gather them from far and near,” says the Lord.

**A cherished fold, a beloved flock, the Lord sustains us and gives us rest.**

“I am the Good Shepherd,” says the Lord.

**We listen for the voice of God who seeks us, and follow with devotion and gratitude!**

**Prayer of the Day            Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things, and made us servants in your kingdom. By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved and to minister to all in need. Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm where we may worship and adore you and be welcomed into your everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Hymn of Praise            “Crown Him with Many Crowns”            *Glory to God* 268**

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own! Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified: no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise. His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

**Call to Confession            God has graciously opened the gates of righteousness to us through the obedience of Jesus Christ. In faith, let us confess our sin.**

**Prayer of Confession** Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world, and fail to be governed by your justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. By your Spirit raise us to acclaim Jesus Christ as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying your commandments. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon** Hear the good news: "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds" (Titus 2:11-14). **Thanks be to God!**

#### God Speaks to Us Through God's Word

**Prayer for Illumination** Loving God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what you have revealed and do what you have commanded. **Amen.**

**Old Testament** Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### Moment with Young Disciples

**New Testament** Matthew 25:31 – 46 The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** "What Makes a Good Leader?" The Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson

#### We Respond to God's Word

#### Affirmation of Faith

*The Second Helvetic Confession 5.131*

**"It is the head which has the preeminence in the body, and from it the whole body receives life; by its spirit the body is governed in all things; from it, also, the body receives increase, that it may grow up. Also, there is one head of the body, and it is suited to the body. Therefore, the Church cannot have any other head besides Christ. For as the Church is a spiritual body, so it must also have a spiritual head in harmony with itself. Neither can it be governed by any other spirit than by the Spirit of Christ. Wherefore Paul says: 'He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent' (Col 1:18). And in another place: 'Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior' (Eph 5:23). And again: he is 'the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fulness of him who fills all in all' (Eph 1:22f). Also: 'We are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together, makes bodily growth' (Eph 4:15f)."**

#### Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

**Call to the Offering**        The Lord calls us to unexpected opportunities to grow in giving and faith. Let us offer our gifts to God in grateful praise.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**        **Glorious God, you are the Lord of resurrection power! You raised your Son Jesus from death in order to live and rule at the right hand of your heavenly throne. We rejoice that you uphold the universe, and yet you treasure every person's life. Send your Spirit to shine your light so we will recognize your great hope for the world. Empower our church to work together to help make your reign visible in people's lives. Accept our offerings for the church of Jesus Christ, our Savior. We pray in his name. Amen.**

God Sends Us into the World

**Hymn of Dedication**        "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"        *Glory to God 187*

Savior, like a shepherd lead us; much we need your tender care. In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be; you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will. Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still. Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.

**Invitation to Discipleship and Benediction**

Dr. Anderson