

GATHERING PRAYER:

Begin this Sunday's worship with a time of silence. Our lives are far noisier than wind, fire, or earthquake. In a great paradox, God speaks to us in sheer silence. Use this chance to listen as you pray.

Lord of creation and loving God, we come remembering that all of our days and years are gifts from you. We center our thoughts upon your goodness, we recognize you as our king. We offer our souls, minds and strength and all that we are to your service. Receive then, all expressions of our love and reverence. May we truly realize this day that we serve the king of kings. In the name of our Master, Jesus the Christ.

PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- ❖ "God's Kingdom is a place of abundance where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world." *Henri J.M. Nouwen*
- "There can be no Kingdom of God in the world without the Kingdom of God in our hearts." - Albert Schweitzer

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: For your love for us,

People: We thank you, God.

Leader: For giving us your Son,

People: We thank you, God.

Leader: For healing our hurts,

People: For cleansing our hearts,

Leader: For redeeming and restoring our lives,

People: We thank you, God.

Leader: For pouring out your blessings,

People: For life everlasting, Leader: We thank you, God.

People: For your family of faith,

Leader: For love that grows here, **People: We thank you, God.**

PRAISE SONG: "Come My People" (music at end of bulletin)

CONFESSION:

Leader: The God who created us and who knows us better than we know ourselves invites us to look at ourselves and be honest about who we have become. Let us confess the state of our lives to God and before one another.

People: Loving Parent, with our lips we confess that you are our Creator, Sustainer, Provider, Redeemer; and you are, yet our lives more often witness that we want to live without you and without regard to you. We ignore you, and your reaching out to us. We routinely are unaware of, and ungrateful for, the abundant blessings you give to us. We trust in and depend on ourselves rather than on you. We take credit for what has really come from your hand. Please, forgive us for these sins and change our hearts so that with both lips and lives we may bring praise and glory to you. Amen.

Leader: God always seeks the good of God's children. God loves us and forgives us. Let us bless the goodness of God and make our lives testaments to our sincere desire to place God's reign first in our lives.

THE CONFESSION RESPONSE: "The Reconciliation Song" (music at end of bulletin)

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-45:

31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and

welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you? ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

MESSAGE: "Christ The King / Christ The Way" Pastor Cristy Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: "Build Your Kingdom Here" (music at end of bulletin)

THE PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

THE SENDING OUT:

Leader: And now, God, who has blessed us so abundantly, sends us out with God's

Spirit to be a blessing to others.

People: Amen.

THE SENDING SONG: "All the People Said Amen" (music at end of bulletin)

THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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