

**Christ the King
November 20, 2022**

Gathering
God invites us to enter His presence

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship** (*Responsively*)

Celia Weber


Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

 **Invocation** (*Responsively*)

Celia Weber

Loving God,
we come to you in worship and thanksgiving.
You are greater than we can understand;

**open our eyes that we may see the wonderful truths
you have shown to us in Jesus.**

You are more loving than our hearts can respond to;
**help us to give ourselves to you in worship
so that we learn what you want us to be.**

You are wiser than we can know;
**still our minds as we worship you
so that we can understand the things you are saying to us.**

Loving God, in Jesus
you chose to come to the world in humility.
You chose the path the world saw as foolish.
You used what the world considered weak.

We worship and adore you. Amen.

 **Hymn 64**

All Creatures of our God and King

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Call to Confession

Celia Weber

When we gather to praise God,
we remember that we are people
who have preferred our wills to his.
Accepting his power to become new persons in Christ,
let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Celia Weber

When we have afflicted others, whether by our own power
or by our silent support of systems that oppress, enslave, and crush,
break us, Lord.
When we have perplexed others and purposely confused them for our
own gain or driven them to despair,
break us, Lord.
When we have persecuted others, casting them out of our community,
leaving them forsaken and alone,
break us, Lord.
When we have struck down others, casting stones on their dreams and
hopes until they are destroyed,
break us, Lord.
Then broken, we carry in our bodies the death of Jesus so that the life of
Jesus may be made visible in our bodies;
make us, Lord.
With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your treasure;
make us, Lord.
We are the clay, and you are the potter. We are the work of your hands;
make us, Lord.
Do not be exceedingly angry and do not remember our iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.
Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Celia Weber

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

 **Gloria Patri**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Stewardship Moment

Greg Maurer

Invitation

As we come before God with our tithes and offerings, let us remember the words of Micah 6: What does the Lord require of us? To act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God. Thus we bring our money, gifts, and whole lives as an offering to our God.

Offering

Offertory
John Steinginga

Ode to Joy

Beethoven

 **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men*

 **Prayer of Dedication**

All good things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You gave your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, and all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us. By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

🕯️ Hymn 347

Be Still My Soul

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Children's Sermon

Take It To God

Celia Weber

Scripture Reading

1 Peter 5:5b-11

5 All of you clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because

**God resists the proud
but gives grace to the humble.**

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you at the proper time, 7 casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. 8 Be sober-minded, be alert. Your adversary the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for anyone he can devour. 9 Resist him, firm in the faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being experienced by your fellow believers throughout the world.

10 The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. 11 To him be dominion forever. Amen.

Sermon

*"Living as Exiles"
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding

We respond to God's Word

🕯️ Hymn 26

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

🕯️ **Profession of Faith** (*In Unison*)

(Colossians 1)

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Cornerstone

Verse 1 (2x)

*My hope is built on nothing less than
Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly trust in Jesus's name.*

Chorus

*Christ alone, Cornerstone;
weak made strong in the Savior's love.
Through the storm He is Lord, Lord of all.*

Verse 2

*When darkness seems to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and storm gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.*

Chorus

Verse 3

*When He shall come with trumpet sound,
oh may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.*

Chorus

Benediction & Blessing

*This morning's Prayer Partners are
Doreen Newby, Chuck Stauffer*

Postlude

***Note:** *As an added safety measure during worship, the downstairs entrance doors will be locked after the first hymn (approx. 10:40). Please plan your arrival time accordingly.*

