



MY KINGDOM IS NOT FROM THIS WORLD

JOHN 18:36

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

7:45 A.M. SERVICE

Today's Theme: Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

The first and last Sundays in this "season after Pentecost" are days with special themes – Trinity and Christ the King. This season after Pentecost is just that; we celebrate the continuing work of Christ in his Church by the Holy Spirit.

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run," wrote the English hymnist Isaac Watts, who died on November 25, 1748. On this last Sunday of the church year, we honor Christ, who reigns as king from the cross. All space and all time belong to the one who offers paradise to those who live and die with him."

"This festival was first introduced by Pope Pius XI in 1925, the 1600th anniversary of the Council of Nicea, on the last Sunday in October as a preparation for celebrating All Saints Day. It was not observed ecumenically until after the Second Vatican Council and the introduction of the three year lectionary, when in 1969 it was transferred to the last Sunday of the liturgical year. (Mark I. Wegner, *New Proclamation: Easter Through Pentecost*, Year B, Minneapolis: Fortress Press, 2003, p. 257)

Welcome all visitors! We welcome all who worship with us. May the joy of Christ's presence and the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with peace and hope! We are honored by your presence and trust that you will join us in the praise and worship of God. Please sign our guest book in the narthex. If you are interested in church membership, please give your name and telephone number to Pastor Rankin.

Welcome to the Eucharist! All who seek to follow Jesus and who seek the gifts Jesus offers us are invited to share in this sacrament of Holy Communion. *Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.*

Prayer As You Enter : *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.*



CATCH THE VISION & SHARE THE JOY



TRINITY U.C.C. VISION STATEMENT:

All will know the love of God through the teachings of Jesus!!

Trinity U.C.C. is called by God to:

- Share God's love with our community
- Serve God's children
- Bring healing and wholeness to those in need
- Share the Gospel in liturgy, music and study

BY YOUR SILENCE OTHERS MAY HEAR THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF GOD!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

CALL TO WORSHIP

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Rejoice in the light of the morning! Give thanks for the sun's energy, even through clouds!

God has spoken to us and meets us here. We live in covenant with the Eternal One.

Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear! Thank God for truth that lives in spite of death.

We celebrate the faithful witness of Jesus Christ. We seek to share the good news that Christ reigns.

Jesus invited saints and sinners to dine with him and to be his friends.

Therefore, Jesus invites us, saints and sinners, to this sacred meal, in which we can taste and see, experience and remember the goodness of our God.

CONFESSION OF SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sins against God and one another.

(SEATED OR KNEELING)

SILENT CONFESSION OF SINS

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins together.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

ADORATION AND PRAISE

ACT OF PRAISE

O God, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

COLLECT FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

Let us pray the collect together.

Speak to us, eternal God, through the representatives you anoint to proclaim your Word. Grant that all in authority will speak truthfully, rule justly, and serve selflessly. Find your dwelling place today, not just in this sanctuary, but in our hearts and lives---and not just today, but every day. Clothe your priests with faithfulness and all your faithful people with garments of joy. May we know your grace and peace as we honor your majesty, bowing in awe before the one who was, and is, and is to come. Amen.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

PSALTER

Psalms 93

The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he is girded with strength.

He has established the world; it shall never be moved;

Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

THE SECOND LESSON

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 first-born from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

THE HOLY GOSPEL

St. John 18:33-37

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

Glory be to You, O Lord.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD

Praise be to You, O Christ.

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

SERMON

“Christ the King”

Dr. Hambrick-Stowe

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PEOPLE'S OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

God of grace and glory, receive the gifts we have received from your hand into the service of this church and the world. Transform our lives into acts of your grace, that we may be bound into one body, and one spirit, through Christ, the author of our salvation. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Holy God, we praise and bless you for creation and the gift of life and for abiding love which brings us close to you, the source of all blessing. We give you thanks that in the fullness of time you sent Jesus, born of Mary, to live in our midst, to share in our suffering, and to accept the pain of death at the hands of those whom Jesus loved. We rejoice that in a perfect victory over the grave you raised Christ with power to become sovereign in your realm. We celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to gather your church by which your work may be done in the world and through which we share the gift of eternal life. With the faithful in every place and time, we praise with joy your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy God of love and majesty, the whole universe speaks of your glory, O God, Most High. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

(PLEASE BE SEATED)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD

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 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, for ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE HOST & POURING OF THE CUP

As this grain was once scattered in the fields, and has come together in one bread, so we, with different needs and hopes, come together as one, for we share one bread.

The Bread of Life, broken for us.

The cup which we share is the cup of the New Covenant written in our hearts and witnessed by Jesus.

The Cup of Blessing, poured out for us and for the many.

RESURRECTION ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is offered for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

(Those who wish to come forward will be invited by the pastor. The pastor will serve you the host, saying, "The Body of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" The assistant will present you with the cup, saying, "The Blood of Christ." You reply, "Amen!" Grape juice is in the chalice with the cross and wine is in the other chalice. If you need the pastor and assistant to come to you, please indicate that to someone near you or the pastor. If you do not wish to come forward, you are invited to use the packaged elements in the narthex and commune in your pew. The pastor will offer a blessing everyone has communed. Children are invited to receive communion at the discretion of their parents/guardians. If a child wants to receive a blessing, they are asked to fold their hands.)

(PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE)

POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

Revive our congregations, conferences, and national church body to reflect the love and justice of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Empower activists who advocate for change. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

SILENT PRAYER

Let us pray together.

By your word and sacraments, O God, you have given us a foretaste of the new heaven and new earth that will be ours forever. Strengthen us in this vision that we might draw others to believe in the hope that is ours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chancel Flowers are given by **Kathy Pilsner** in memory of my mother, Julia Long, who passed away 30 years ago today.

The Worship Aids are given in thanks to Paula Dennes, Kathy Cooley, Nancy Enders, and Mike & Deb Lichtenwalner for overseeing Trinity's koinonia, congregational meals, and food ministries.

Ministering Today

Preacher	Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe
Liturgist	Rev. Dr. Christopher Rankin
Money Counters	Ron & Donna Denlinger, Steve Shenk, Denise Pfeiffer
Altar Guild	Anita Rohrer, Charlene Cristy, Hedwig Hunsicker
Building Trustee	Pat Sensenig
Koinonia	Rankin Family
Ministries	Card Preschool Called to Care Nancy Enders
	Visitation JoAnn Mowrer

Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Charles Hambrick-Stowe, Anne Rankin's father, as our guest preacher. Dr. Hambrick-Stowe is minister emeritus of the First Congregational Church of Ridgefield, Connecticut. Previously, he served as academic dean of Northern Seminary in Illinois, director of the Doctor of Ministry program at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and pastor at Church of the Apostles U.C.C. in Lancaster and St. Paul's U.C.C. in Westminster, Maryland. In addition to MA and MDiv degrees, he holds a PhD in American Studies from Boston University.

This Week at Trinity Church (Church Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

Today	Noon—Meals with a Mission Prep/1:00 PM—Delivery 7:00 PM---Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (Temple Beth El)
Monday	7:00 PM – SOT Choir/8:15 PM – Bells
Wednesday	7:00 PM – Thanksgiving Eve Service
Thursday-Friday	No Preschool
Saturday	8:30 AM – Advent Gathering 8:00 PM – Alanon/AA
Sunday	7:45 AM – Eucharist 9:00 AM – Sunday School 10:00 AM – Koinonia 10:30 AM – Eucharist

Worship Attendance, November 17	7:45-16	10:30-76	TOTAL – 92
Sunday School	17		

Happy Birthday!

Today – Elinor Nicholas
 Wednesday – Dennis Eberly, Dr. Robert Hollenbach
 Thursday – Blaine Connor
 Saturday – Ashley Nygen, Gary Trusz

PRAYERS FOR GOD'S HEALING PRESENCE

MEMBERS

Rhonda Hartenstine	Janice Jenkins	Betsy Bailey
Betty Fogle	Denise Huggins	Bob & Marlyn Wible
Don & Pat Miller	Ken & Phyllis Zimmerman	Harry Himelwright
Dr. Janet Harriger	Joann Peck	Scott & Jane Owens
The Lehman family	Mary Lou Shaab	Carmen & Jerry Richards
Donna Wolf & Family	George & Ellie Latsha	Lainie Christensen
Sam Minder III	Erika Otthofer	Hank Fox

Rev. Bob & Nancy Musser	Donna Zirkel	Danielle Huggins Holbein
Kathleen Sensenig Adams	Betty Tyndall and family	Michael McDonough
Kelsey Minnich Burgo	Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline	Rev. Ken & Marilyn Trauger
Ron Becker	Joann & Dawn Garvin	Rev. Jere & Judy Chapman

FAMILY & FRIENDS

The family of Doug Shaab

The family of Rev. David Gockley

The family of Carole Rice (sister-in-law of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

The family of Alice Palmer

The family of Jack Williams (brother of Autumn Shenk)

Rev. Pam Illick (pastor of Zion Lutheran, East Petersburg)

Dan Congelton (friend of Nancy Enders)

Audria Husted (granddaughter of Chuck & Sue Husted)

Cindy Greiman (friend of Betty Fogle)

Carmen Sweigert (friend of Rhonda Hartenstine)

Glenn Wible (nephew of Bob & Marilyn Wible/cousin of Lon Wible)

Diana Landefeld (niece of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christesen) & **Joppatowne School**

Joe Harriger (brother of Janet Harriger)

Marianne Gibble (friend of Trinity)

Carol Hooper (sister of Rev. Dr. Rich Christensen)

Marlene Harlow (friend of Gail Kogut)

Chad Zirkel (son of Donna Zirkel)

Kaitlyn, Ben, and Lucy Miller (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Barbie, Jon, and Will Bundy (family of Rev. Dr. Rich & Lainie Christensen)

Rev. Jim Martin (Rev. Dr. Rich & Lanie Christensen's former pastor)

Ken Hoshauer (husband of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Kurt Kalbach (brother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)

Mary Call (mother of Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

The Herr Family (Former Trinity Preschool Family)

Sharon Brown (sister of Sandy DeLong)

Chris Rice (nephew of Diane Rice & Karen Olley)

David Brown (nephew of Shelley & Mike Wagner)

Annette Stork (niece of Pat Sensenig)

Logan Davis (husband of Hillary Bossert-Davis)

Jean Weglarz (neighbor of Rev. Bob & Judie Bistline)

Melby Bush (friend of Joan Sensenig)

Harvey Sick (friend of Judy Chapman)

Rev. Loy Garber (former seminarian)

John Martin (brother-in-law of Dolly & John Barr)

James Malone & family

Tom & Elaine Lichtenwalner (parents of Mike Lichtenwalner)

Jordan Sensenig (grandson of Pat & Joan Sensenig)
Robert Richards (brother of Jerry Richards)
Ronald Himelwright (grandson of Brenda & Harry Himelwright)
Barry Richards (son of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
Tyler Miller (grandson of Iris DeMaio)
Joan Kalbach (mother of Dr. Cathy Hoshauer)
Jim & Kathy Long (friends of Jerry & Carmen Richards)
John Siebern (Bob Siever's brother-in-law)
Jo Jo Richards & family (Carmen & Jerry's granddaughter-in-law)

OTHER CONCERNS

Victims of Hurricanes Helene and Milton
World Peace

THE NOVEMBER PARISH POST is available in the information racks on both floors of the church building. **The deadline for the December Parish Post is tomorrow!**

DEVOTIONALS: The October-December edition of These Days are available on the table across from the church office or on the lower level by the portico entrance.

THE 2025 APPROVED BUDGET is available in the information racks on both levels of the church building.

TRINITY'S MEALS WITH A MISSION—TODAY: Trinity will again be assembling meals for our Shut-In members and other at home families. This meal will be the weekend before Thanksgiving - and we are planning a Thanksgiving themed menu. Hands of all sizes are welcome to help. We will assemble after church until about 1 PM. It shouldn't take more than an hour. Delivery will be immediately following preparation.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT TEMPLE BETH EL

Cantor Carol Chesler and the members of Temple Beth El (1836 Rohrerstown Road) have invited the area congregations to participate in an Interfaith Ecumenical Thanksgiving service on Sunday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Clergy in the East Petersburg area will be participating in the service. The Rev. Jack Esbenshade will be participating and music will be provided by Ron & Donna Denlinger, Anita Rohrer, and Carmen Richards. The members of Temple Beth El will host a fellowship time after the service.

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE: We will have a Service of Word & Sacrament on Thanksgiving Eve (November 27) at 7 p.m. **We are in need of two greeters and four ushers! Contact the church office if you are willing to help!**

ADVENT GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 30



We will prepare Trinity Church for the Advent/Christmas season on November 30. The gathering will begin with light breakfast at 8:30 a.m. After breakfast, we will decorate the church for the season. Our time will conclude with a brief service in the sanctuary.

All help in making this happen is greatly appreciated as we decorate our church for the season. Sign-up sheet is on the table across from the office.



Look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office!



AMERICAN MUSIC THEATER CHRISTMAS SHOW

We have reserved seats for the American Music Theater Christmas Show on Saturday, December 14th. The cost to see the show is Adults \$43, students \$22. To reserve your seat use the sign-up sheet on the table outside the office. For more information, speak to Jeff Hackenberger.

GRIEF GROUP: Since the first grief group ended in September, Pastor Rankin would like to form another group(s) beginning soon. If you are interested in this small group, look for the sign-up sheet across from the church office. Contact Pastor Rankin if you have any questions.

KOINONIA/SUNDAYMORNING FELLOWSHIP: We have resumed koinonia (community fellowship) at 10 a.m. in Isenberg Hall. Volunteers are asked to provide light refreshments. The drinks/coffee will be taken care of for you! The sign-up sheet is on the kitchen counter. If you have any questions, contact Paula Dennes. **Coffee is always available between 7:45 service and Sunday School.**

“I PROMISE” FORMS are still being accepted! We hope that you will submit the forms to help us plan for our ministry in 2025. Extra forms are available on the table across from the church office!

SERVERS NEEDED: We are in need of greeters, ushers, and nursery care volunteers for the 10:30 worship service. Please contact the church office if you are interested in serving as an usher or greeter. Please contact Betty Fogle if you are interested in serving as a nursery attendant (717-471-1026 or bettsfog@comcast.net).

2024 CHANCEL FLOWERS AND WORSHIP AID SPONSORS: Upcoming dates for worship aids are: **November 24, December 8, 15 & 29.** Upcoming dates for Chancel Flowers are **December 24 & 29.** The price for flowers is \$60. The price for worship aids is \$26. Look for the charts on the bulletin board in the narthex or call Carol in the church office.

TRINITY PRESCHOOL COLLECTION

Trinity's Preschool is again looking for some help from the congregation! We are very thankful for your continued support. Here's the list of items needed!

Magnetic Bingo Chips

Stickers (Any kind!)

Dry Erase markers (Wide and skinny)

Cotton Balls

Aluminum Foil

Donated items can be placed in the box near the church office!!!



25th
Anniversary Season
2024-25

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Highland Chancel Choir and Orchestra in Gloria

Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 pm

Once again, the Highland Chancel Choir presents its annual concert on a Sunday afternoon in Christmastime. This year, their performance features Vivaldi's *Gloria* and other traditional favorites for orchestra and chorus. Please join us in celebrating Christ's birth with song and string.



***The Kid*: Silent Film with Don Kinnier, Organist**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025, 7:00 pm

Don is known as the premier silent film accompanist in the northeastern United States. His programs are easygoing and feature a large dose of good-natured humor. *The Kid* (1921) stars Charlie Chaplin as a tramp who finds love and acceptance with an orphan and his mother.

CHRISTMAS CAROLING: Pastor Chris and the Parish Life Committee would like to go Christmas caroling to some of our church members on December 15 after the 10:30 service (weather permitting). We will provide a light lunch and then drive to some of our fellow parishioners. There is a sign-up sheet on the table for those interested in participating.

WHITE GIFT SUNDAY ON DECEMBER 8



As in years past, we will share our blessings with others by bringing (unwrapped) Christmas gifts to the service. This is our special time of sharing our gifts with residents of Ephrata Manor and Bethany Home.

The residents are very appreciative of our caring and both homes are requesting gift card suggestions to better meet needs and interests.

Ephrata Manor (United Church of Christ Home)requests:

Gift cards: Amazon, Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, VISA/MC, Giant Food Stores, or CVS.

Bethany Home requests:

Low cut socks: men and women • Pajamas • men's athletic shorts: sizes sm-xl • waterproof mattress cover - twinXL • comforters • unisex comforters • baking sheets & pans • fabric paint • paint pens • paintbrushes • washi tape • scratch art paper • calligraphy pens and inks • rubber stamps & inkpads

Gifts Cards: Lowes, Home Depot, Michaels, Wal-Mart, Target, Amazon, Wawa, Turkey Hill, Giant, McDonald's & Domino's Pizza.

Please include Trinity U.C.C Church and address and/or individual along with your card.

Gifts will be received at both services on December 8. The children will collect them during the 10:30 service. Thank You!



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Concert/Desserts

Featuring
Trinity Church Musicians

Sunday, December 8, 2024

Concert – 2:00 PM

Desserts Following The Concert

*Freewill Offering Benefits
Schreiber Center For Pediatric Development
and Trinity Music Ministry*



DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SUPPORT:

We continue to support the medical mission project that was presented on September 8 by Donna Geisler and her brother-in-law, Dr. Bill Lovett.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can put money in the cans at the medical mission display table. We raise funds every year to buy medicine and supplies. Some are purchased in the US, but most are purchased in the Dominican Republic.

- \$25 buys 3 months of basic hypertension treatment for 3 people
- \$50 buys 3 months of basic diabetes therapy for 4 people
- \$100 buys 3 months of treatment for hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol for 4 people



Trinity has raised over \$3,000 so far for this project.

The other way to support this project is through prayerful support.

If you have any other questions, speak with Donna Geisler!

Jesus, Are You King of the Nation?

Jesus, are you king of the nation? Pilate asked, and so must we.
If it's true, all earthly rulers stand beneath authority.
Christ our sovereign! Christ our sovereign!
Judge the world with equity, judge the world with equity.

Christ, you shine God's truth from heaven. Pilate said, So what is truth?
In this world conflicting voices leave us with no guide on earth.
Christ our sovereign! Christ our sovereign!
Let your righteousness show forth, let your righteousness show forth.

Jesus, why are you rejected? Pilate asked, Where is your power?
Jesus said, My kingdom's different, love and justice come to flower.
Christ our sovereign! Christ our sovereign!
This is now your kingdom's hour. This is now your kingdom's hour.

Grace to you and peace from heaven, from the One upon the throne.
Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, with his blood earth's sins atoned.
Christ our sovereign! Christ our sovereign!
Glory be to you alone. Glory be to you alone.

Christ will come and all will see him, all who pierced him, all who cried.
He is Alpha and Omega, the firstborn of all who died.
Christ our sovereign! Christ our sovereign!
Your dominion cosmos wide. Your dominion cosmos wide.

Source: John 18:33-38; Revelation 1:4-8

Tune: CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes (1873-1932)

Words: Charles Hambrick-Stowe, 2024

Acknowledgement to Harry Emerson Fosdick (1878-1969) for the inspiration and poetic structure of "God of Grace and God of Glory," and specifically for the rhymes in verse 3

Written for Christ the King Sunday at Trinity United Church of Christ, East Petersburg, PA
November 24, 2024

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

As 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.

Psalm 93**SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8**

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.

GOSPEL: John 18:33-37

Pilate 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."