

**Order of Worship**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
November 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

**Gathering Music**                      *Hymn Melody*                      arr. Adam O'Boyle

**Welcome**

**Prelude**                      *How Can I Keep From Singing*                      arr. Adam O'Boyle

**Call to Worship** (Responsive)

There will be a great multitude that no one can count,  
**From every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages,**  
Coming before the throne, crying out in a loud voice,  
**Salvation belongs to our God, and to Christ!**  
Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
**Thanksgiving, honor, power, and might, be to our God!**  
Come, worship our God, who reigns forever!  
**Come, lift your hearts with thanksgiving and praise to Christ**  
**who reigns forever!**

**Hymn 268**                      *Crown Him with Many Crowns*                      Diademata

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer for Forgiveness** (Unison)

**God of Eternity, we confess that we have lived in one part of time and not another. We have lived to have pleasure and satisfaction now. We have longed for the good days of the past. We have saved away everything for a future we do not hold yet.**  
**Forgive us for not being present in all of time: in thankfulness for the past, in mindfulness now of our neighbors around us, and for the repercussions of our actions in the future. Forgive us for rushing toward the future instead of seeing the beauty that is around us now. Help us to live as eternal people, your children, who belong to heaven and earth, past, future, and present. In the name of Jesus, who was and who is and who is to come, the Almighty, Redeemer, and Sovereign of all, we pray...**

(Silent time for your reflection and personal confessions)

**Assurance of God's Grace**

**Word and Wonder - A Time for Children**

**Scripture Lesson**                      Psalm 46  
Colossians 1:11-20

**Sermon**                      Holding It Together                      Rev. Traci Loveman

**Hymn 353**                      *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*                      Solid Rock

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (Unison)                      Philippians 2:5-11

**We believe in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross.**

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

As we pray together the prayer Christ taught us ...

**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, forever. Amen.**

**Hymn 363**                      *Rejoice, the Lord is King!*                      Darwall's 148th

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**                      *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*                      arr. Adam O'Boyle

**Worship Leader This Sunday:** Angie Toles Wester  
**Worship Leader for November 27:** George Young

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*Rejoice, the Lord is King!*

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**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOPE**

**Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We will not have our Wednesday Night Bible Study this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will see you again on Wednesday, November 30 at 7:00 p.m.

**Advent Sermon Series:** The season of Advent is a time where we prepare ourselves spiritually for the birth of Christ. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 27. Pastor Christie will be preaching a sermon series on the four women named in the genealogy of Jesus found in the first chapter of Matthew's Gospel—Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba. Join us as we explore how the lives of these women both reflect and foreshadow Christ's life and ministry and how we can follow their example in preparing for the birth of Christ.

**All God's Creatures:** Our Playschool ministry is collecting supplies for Rocket City Animal Rescue and we will be joining them in this endeavor. Needed supplies are fleece blankets, toys for dogs and cats, collars and leashes, water and food bowls, and gift cards to PetSmart or Walmart to purchase food, litter, etc. Used items are fine as long as they are in good condition. Donations can be placed at the rear of the sanctuary by the cross. Gift cards should be placed in the offering plate. We will be collecting items through Sunday, December 11. We are grateful for the opportunity to support our Playschool ministry as they serve our community.

**Aquarius Club Lunches:** The Aquarius Club is very grateful to our congregation for providing lunches in November. Thank you so much for giving your time to help this wonderful organization.

**The Elder on Call for October is George Young.** He may be contacted at any time for information, in case of emergency, or with any concerns at 256-603-7100.