

**ST. DAVID'S (SHERMAN'S) UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
REIGN OF CHRIST**

November 21, 2021

8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

WORDS TO PONDER

Will you make Him your King today?

WELCOME

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: God reigns; let the earth be glad. God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

PEOPLE: **We bow before God's strength and majesty. We come in awe before God most high.**

UNISON: **God is our righteousness and our peace. We come to be renewed in God's truth.**

OPENING HYMN: "Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know"

Author: Johann C. Schwedler (1741); Translator: Benjamin Hall Kennedy (1863)

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1) Ask ye what great thing I know
That delights and stirs me so?
What the high reward I win?
Whose the name I glory in?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

2) Who defeats my fiercest foes?
Who consoles my saddest woes?
Who revives my fainting heart,
Healing all its hidden smart?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

3) Who is life in life to me?
Who the death of death will be?
Who will place me on His right
With the countless hosts of light?
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

4) This is that great thing I know;
This delights and stirs me so:
Faith in Him who died to save,
Him who triumphed o'er the grave,
Jesus Christ, the Crucified.

UNISON PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Ruler of the universe, Creator of all worlds, Giver of life, we gather as Your people to praise You and marvel at Your goodness to us. Bring us back from

**our scattered lives and fragmented loyalties to the shelter of Your fold.
Assure us once more of Your loving care and teach us again that we may bear
witness to Your truth. AMEN**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Do our lives reflect the love of God revealed in Jesus? Is the rule of Christ among us our central concern? Do we daily join in ministry, following in the footsteps of Jesus Christ? If not, let us confess.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, whose reign we have denied and whose purposes we have opposed, we pray for forgiveness and healing. We confess that self-concern, rather than Your will, has motivated us. We have claimed to follow Jesus, but our discipleship has been halfhearted, and our worship has been empty of passion and expectation. Turn us around and claim us for Your own purposes.

A TIME OF SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

UNISON ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Christ loves us and frees us from our sins. Those who are of the truth will hear Christ's voice and will bear witness to God's salvation. God is our righteousness and our security; there is no need for us to fear. All glory and Praise to the King of Kings!

BELL CHOIR: "Come, Thou Almighty King" and "We Gather Together"

HOLY SCRIPTURES: Psalm 93, John 18:33-37, Revelation 1:4b-8

PSALM 93

¹The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
indeed, the world is established, firm and secure.

²Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.

³The seas have lifted up, LORD,
the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

⁴Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—
the LORD on high is mighty.

⁵Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house
for endless days.

JOHN 18:33-37

³³ Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

³⁴ “Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

³⁵ “Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

³⁶ Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

³⁷ “You are a king, then!” said Pilate. Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

REVELATION 1:4b-8

Greetings and Doxology

⁴John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,⁶ and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it 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.”

CHILDREN’S STORYTIME

SERMON: “King of Kings”

PASTORAL PRAYER and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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

UNISON BENEDICTION

God is the Alpha and Omega, who is and was and is to come. Praise be to God who equips us for the life and ministry we share. AMEN

CLOSING HYMN: “Lift High the Cross” (Page 198, NCH)

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REFRAIN

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim;
Let all adore and praise that sacred name.

1) Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The lamb victorious, Christ the Child of God. [**Refrain**]

- 2) Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. [**Refrain**]
- 3) O Christ, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. [**Refrain**]
- 4) Set up Your throne, that earth's despair may cease,
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [**Refrain**]
- 5) So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory! [**Refrain**]

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