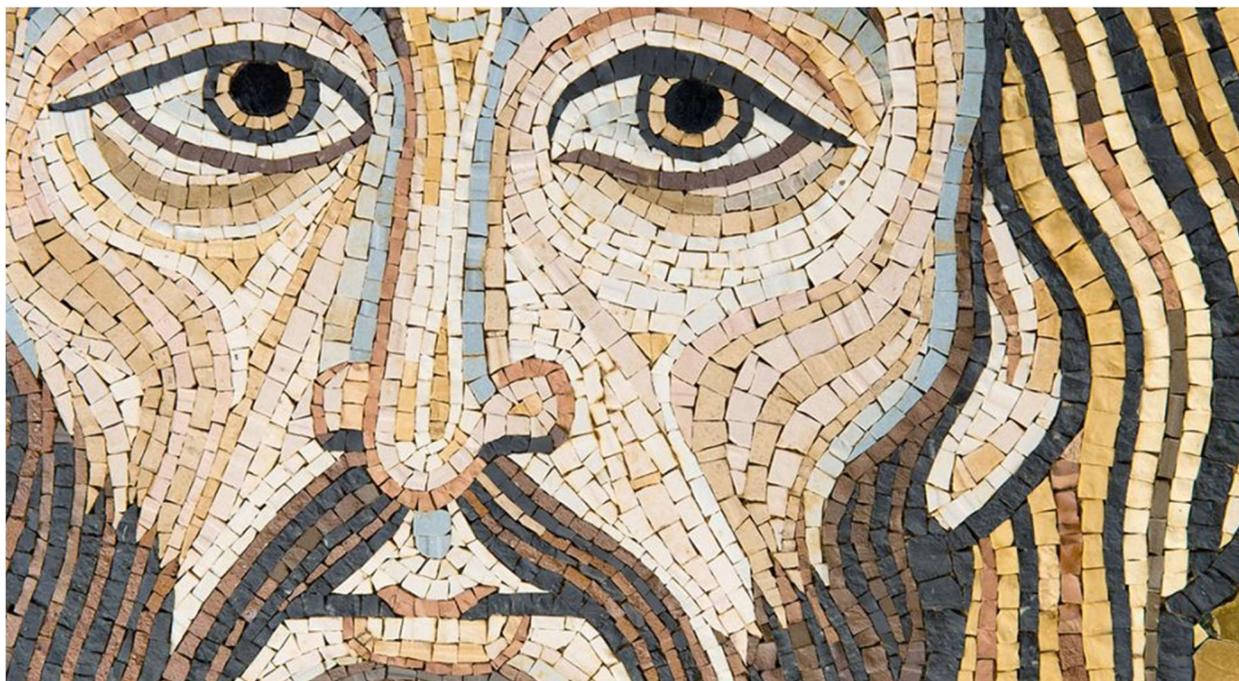


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PRELUDE

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

PREPARING OUR HEARTS

***Opening Words**

God established the world from of old.
God's reign shall never end.
God delivered us in freedom and truth.
God's love is everlasting.

***Opening Hymn #80 (SH)**

“Here I Am to Worship”

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**Light of the world You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You**

Hope of a life spent with You

**So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**King of all days oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came to the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

**So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

**And I'll never know how much it cost to see my sin upon that cross
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(repeat)**

**So here I am to worship, here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

Prayer of Confession

**Sovereign God,
we confess we have given idols power over us,
the idols of power and wealth, fame and security.
We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world
and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.
We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth,
and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

**Forgive us.
Call us into Your reign,
to declare You the One who has power over us
because Your power is love.
Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us,
and to show us the way of God is the way of love.
Jesus said the first would be last and the last would be first.
Jesus called us to become humble and serve one another,
and that the most important commandment
was to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
This is the way of our Sovereign.

Go, knowing you are forgiven,
and love and serve one another,
especially our neighbors in need,
as Christ serves us. Amen.

Hymn #112 (SH)

“Lord Reign in Me”

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**Over all the earth You reign on high every mountain stream every sunset sky
But my one request Lord my only aim is that You'd reign in me again**

**Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am so won't You reign in me again**

**Over every thought over every word may my life reflect the beauty of my Lord
'Cause You mean more to me than any earthly thing so won't You reign in me again**

**Lord reign in me reign in Your pow'r over all my dreams in my darkest hour
You are the Lord of all I am so won't You reign in me again
(repeat)**

Won't you reign in me again, won't you reign in me again.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Children's Message

Prayer Response #701 (GG)

“Sanctuary”

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**Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
(repeat)**

Scripture Lesson

John 18:33-37

Message

“What Kind of King is Jesus”

Rev. Scott L. Thompson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

Hymn of Affirmation

“We Bow Down”

Words and Music by Twila Paris

**You are Lord of creation and Lord of my life
Lord of the land and the sea
You were Lord of the heavens before there was time
And Lord of all lords You will be**

**We bow down and we worship You Lord
We bow down and we worship You Lord
We bow down and we worship You Lord
Lord of all lords You will be**

**You are King of creation and King of my life
King of the land and the sea
You were King of the heavens before there was time
And King of all kings You will be**

**We bow down and we crown You the King
We bow down and we crown You the King
We bow down and we crown You the King
King of all kings You will be**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer #1 (SH)

Create a throne room for yourself here, O Christ,
but let it be the empty seat beside the anxious
the lonely chair next to the confused
the vacant pew next to the hungry
and reign, O Jesus,
as sovereign over the forgotten

May your reign be a mockery to the world
but good news to those who seek out truth
and may we join them in the search
finding you walking the streets
or breaking bread
or sitting by bedsides

May we find you in border areas
on the edge of things
crossing over with the foreigner

May we find you among children
learning to finger paint
as teachers to those who long to enjoy life again

May we find you with the worried
silenced with nothing to say
and space enough to keep it

May we find you on the wrong side of the tracks
going where you should not
and finding a place to lay your head among the lost

May we find you singing our songs
of justice and peace
and removing your crown to do so

May we find you with a word that lives
in the hopes of the afraid
and a comforting peace for those who are broken

May we find you laughing at the powerful
unnerving what folk think so secure
while welcoming those who have nothing into your throne room

O Jesus, reigning in the world
with your upside down kingdom
may we find the faith to stand with you
sovereign of life
and servant of all

**Our Father, in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today, our daily bread;
forgive our sins and turn us from temptation.
The kingdom and the power and the glory are yours forever.
Amen, amen, amen.**

Offering Prayer

In this world: kingdom living.
In our mouths: kingdom praises.
In our hearts: kingdom goals.
In our hands: kingdom gifts.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven! Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

Closing Hymn #82 (SH)

“He Reigns”

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**It's the song of the redeemed rising from the African plain
It's the song of the forgiven drowning out the Amazon rain
The song of Asian believers filled with God's holy fire
It's every tribe every tongue every nation a love song born of a grateful choir**

**It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns He reigns
It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns He reigns**

**Let it rise above the four winds caught up in the heavenly sound
Let praises echo from the towers of cathedrals to the faithful gathered underground
Of all the songs sung from the dawn of creation some were meant to persist
Of all the bells rung from a thousand steeples none rings truer than this**

It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns He reigns

**And all the powers of darkness tremble at what they've just heard
'Cause all the powers of darkness can't drown out a single word**

It's all God's children singing glory glory hallelujah He reigns

Charge & Benediction

“The Blessing”

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**The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.
(repeat)**

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

**The Lord bless you and keep you.
Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.**

POSTLUDE