
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday, December 30, 2018, at 10:30AM

Pastor: Rev. Dave Poolman

Ministers: Every Member

*Gathering Song: "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

(*Please stand if you are able.)

Verse 1

Hear the call of the kingdom,
Lift your eyes to the King;
Let His song rise within you
As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy,
came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Chorus

King of heaven, we will answer the call.
We will follow, bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion,
filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Verse 2

Hear the call of the kingdom,
To be children of light
With the mercy of heaven
the humility of Christ;
Walking justly before Him,
Loving all that is right,
That the life of Christ
may shine through us.

Verse 3

Hear the call of the kingdom
To reach out to the lost
With the Father's compassion
In the wonder of the cross,
Bringing peace and forgiveness
And a hope yet to come:
Let the nations put their trust in Him.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 90:1-2,12

*God's Greeting

*We Greet Each Other

*Songs: "Great is Thy Faithfulness"
"I Will Sing of the Mercies"

Gray 556
Burgundy 161

Reaffirming Our Faith at Year's End

God, You spoke, and by Your Word the entire universe was created out of nothing.

We have seen Your creative genius in stars and sunsets, fields and forests, and in the gifts and experiences of life, and we praise You for making all things good.

God, You spoke, and Jesus—your Son, our Savior—humbled Himself, became human, and was called Immanuel—God with us.

We praise You for the Word who became flesh and lived among us, died for us, and is returning soon to take us to be with You forever.

God, we believe that You continue to be at work in the world: controlling, sustaining, and providing for it. Our world knows too much turmoil, strife, war, and struggles for power.

Yet we trust You to take care of us and our world, knowing that Your faithfulness and strength will never fail.

God, we believe You are always with us in the height of our joys, in the depth of our sorrows, in our work and play, our recreation and rest.

You uphold, comfort, guide and inspire us, and we trust You to provide for us.

God, we have also sensed Your presence in times of worship: in Word and sacrament, in prayer and song, in forgiveness offered and received, among old and young, long-time saints and brand-new believers.

We praise You for Your grace to this family of faith, and pray that in the year ahead You will nurture our faith, deepen our commitment, strengthen our witness, and make us a blessing to each other and to our neighbors, for Your glory alone. Amen!

Song: "How Great is Our God" Insert

Offering: General Fund "Forever Reign"

Prayer for Understanding: Elder Ed VanderLeest

Children's Message: Brendan Flynn
(Children ages 4 through 2nd grade are dismissed out the side door to Children's Worship in Room A)

Scripture: Matthew 2 (pp. 1374-75); John 1:5 (p. 1509)

Message: "The Shadow Side of Christmas"

Prayer

*Song: "Our God"

Verse 1

Water You turned into wine,
Opened the eyes of the blind;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Verse 2

Into the darkness You shine,
Out of the ashes we rise;
There's no one like You,
None like You.

Chorus

Our God is greater,
Our God is stronger;
God, You are higher than any other.
Our God is healer,
Awesome in power, our God, our God.

Bridge

And if our God is for us
Then who could ever stop us,
And if our God is with us
Then what could stand against?
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Prayers of the People

*God's Blessing

*Parting Praise: "Lord, Reign in Me" Insert

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If you need prayer for yourself or someone you love, please come to the front of the church after the service. There will be Elders or others gifted in prayer to pray with you.

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Light shines in
the Darkness*

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How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
How great is our God!

(Verse 1) The splendor of the King,
Clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
All the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
And darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
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(Verse 2) And age to age He stands,
And time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
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The Godhead, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
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Ev'ry mountain stream,
ev'ry sunset sky.
But my one request,
Lord, my only aim
Is that You reign in me again.

Over ev'ry thought,
over ev'ry 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?

Chorus:
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.
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