

**PROVIDENCE FORGE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 22, 2020**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations to time beyond our time,

**People: To wisdom beyond our wisdom, to strength beyond our strength.**

Leader: As we pray for your coming reign, remind us that the whole earth is already yours.

**People: Even as we pray for things not yet seen, help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.**

**SONG OF PRAISE #376 Love Divine All Loves Excelling**

1 Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!

Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art; Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.

2 Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!

Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find that second rest;

Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;

End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

3 Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;

Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temples leave.

Thee we would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,

Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.

4 Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;

Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;

Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,

Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Leader: In these moments, Almighty God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people:

**People: We stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive;**

Leader: We cast our lots with those who worship power and success;

**People: We scoff at your words which call us to a different**

**lifestyle.**

Leader: Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves.

**All: Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.**

*Silence is kept.*

**DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

*This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us! Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.*

**FOR CHILDREN Philippians 2: 10-11 (Easy to Read Version)**

*Everyone in heaven, on earth, and under the earth will bow. They will all confess, "Jesus Christ is Lord."*

**SCRIPTURE**

Revelation 1:4b-8 NRSV

<sup>4</sup> John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

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, <sup>5</sup> and 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<sup>[a]</sup> us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and made<sup>[b]</sup> us to be a kingdom, priests serving<sup>[c]</sup> his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! 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.

<sup>8</sup> "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**ANTHEM**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Nancy Coleman**

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Jill Duffield**

Gracious God, may we be found faithful, giving to you your rightful place in our lives. We pray for the eyes to see you and the faith to follow you. There are many known to us and countless known only to you who suffer in body, mind and spirit, yearning to be sought out and cared for with compassion. We lift up to you the grief-stricken and those who cannot quiet their fears and worries. We trust your word, that you yourself will seek out the vulnerable, that you yourself will bring justice, that you yourself will heal and make whole those who are hungry, lonely or imprisoned. We ask for the wisdom and courage to participate in the outpouring of your compassion on the world you so love. Even as we recognize the great needs and the deep hurt around and within us, we know too the joy of your sure presence and the gift of this earthly life. We do not want to neglect to give thanks for the beauty of the sunset, the love of friends and family, the pleasure of music, the enjoyment of our daily bread. As we reflect on what has been, we look in hope to what will be, trusting that you are unquestionably Lord of all and Christ is indeed king. There is nowhere we can flee from your Spirit, no centimeter of creation unredeemed, no person beyond your purview of care or transformation. In this wonderful knowledge we live our lives and make our prayer in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying...

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **OFFERING**

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## **SONG OF RESPONSE #358 Help Us Accept Each Other**

**1. Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;  
Teach us as sister, brother, Each person to embrace.  
Be present, Lord, among us And bring us to believe  
We are ourselves accepted And meant to love and live.**

**2. Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons, As in our daily life  
We struggle to be human And search for hope and faith.  
Teach us to care for people, For all, not just for some,  
To love them as we find them Or as they may become.**

**3. Let Your acceptance change us, So that we may be moved  
In living situations To do the truth in love;  
To practice Your acceptance Until we know by heart  
The table of forgiveness And laughter's healing art.**

**4. Lord, for today's encounters With all who are in need,  
Who hunger for acceptance, For righteousness and bread,  
We need new eyes for seeing, New hands for holding on:  
Renew us with Your Spirit; Lord, free us, make us one!**

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## **BENEDICTION**

*Go forth into the world in peace to love and serve Christ our King;  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing of almighty  
God. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and  
remain with you always. Amen.*

**People: Peace be with you!**