

Shine God's Light

As disciples of Christ, we share and rejoice in the warmth of God's love and light by teaching the holy word, serving Christ's community, and growing together in faith.

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be

ENLIGHTENED

in order that you may know the

HOPE

to which he has called you, the riches of his

GLORIOUS INHERITANCE

in his holy people, and his incomprehensibly great

POWER

for us who believe.

EPHESIANS 1:18-19

November 26, 2023 Christ the King Sunday

The Service for the Lord's Day

Christ the King Sunday

November 26, 2023 9:30 am

Prelude Grand Choeur in C Charles-Alexis Chauvet
Andante in D (Sixth Symphony) Felix Mendelssohn

Call to Worship

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

All: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

One: For the Lord is a great God;

All: a great ruler over heaven and earth! Let us worship God!

*Hymn Crown Him With Many Crowns No. 268

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Lord Jesus, judge of the nations: we confess that we have not seen your face among our neighbors in need. We have not shared our food with the hungry; we have not offered clothes to the destitute or shelter to the homeless. We have not welcomed strangers, nor have we visited prisoners. We have not paid attention to our siblings in faith, and in our neglect, we have failed to serve you. Lord, forgive us; open our eyes to recognize your beloved family and give us the blessing of sincere repentance that we may know the joy of eternal life with you and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Friends, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice.

In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven!

All: Forgiven and freed, we turn now and live in Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

*Passing the Peace (Please check first with those you approach)

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message

Children's offering will be collected as they come forward for the message. After the message, children and youth may depart for Sunday School or return to their pew.

Prayer for Illumination Kay Hoge

Old Testament Reading Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24 (page 702)

Anthem All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Lloyd Larson All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all. O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all! And crown him Lord of all!

Epistle Reading Ephesians 1: 15-23 (page 949)

Sermon God's Benevolent Power Rev. Amy Lincoln

*Hymn Be Thou My Vision No. 450

Offering

We invite you to consider giving out of gratitude to God after worship today either by placing your offering in the wooden box hanging on the wall at each exit, scanning the QR code in your pew and/or giving online through the church website at www.flemingtonpres.org, or mailing a check to the church office at 10 East Main Street, Flemington, NJ 08822. We give thanks for your generosity, allowing our mission and ministry together to continue.

Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise for your love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept our offering in union with Christ's offering for us. Confirm in us the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, that we may testify to the sovereignty of his love. Through Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

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

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (stanzas 1, 2 and 5) No. 265

*Charge and Benediction

Response

An Irish Blessing

Robert Lau

May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rain fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude in C Major (Opus 29, No. 8)

Christian Cappelen

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