

November 21, 2021 ~ Christ the King Sunday

Welcome and Announcements ~ Chery Nicholas

Prelude ~ "Give Thanks" (Hayes) ~ Leigh Emmett

Call to Worship ~ *responsive*

Leader: Jesus Christ is our Risen Lord and Savior.

People: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God for your love.

Leader: God has provided for us and sheltered us,

People: and we trust that our great God will lead us into the future.

**you are invited to stand in body or in spirit*

**Hymn #263 ~ "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"*

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession ~ *in unison*

Holy Lord God, you have shown us your great love through Christ Jesus. You call us to follow you, yet we confess that we stray to sin and selfishness. Forgive us Lord. Holy Spirit, move within us so that we may be renewed with your love and continue to follow your will and work in the Kingdom of God. Amen.

(A time of silent, personal prayer).

Assurance of Forgiveness

Responsive Chorus #627 ~ "I Love You, Lord"

*I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice.
Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.*

Passing the Peace

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Responsive Chorus #626 ~ "As the Deer"

*As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.
You alone are my strength, my shield; to you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.*

Offering Prayer and Dedication of the 2022 Stewardship Commitment Cards

Prayer for Illumination

Hebrew Scripture ~ Jeremiah 29:10-14

Special Music ~ Katie Achterhof

Christian Scripture ~ Matthew 6:9-14

Message ~ “God Hears and has Plans”

*Hymn #288 ~ “*Spirit of the Living God*” x2

Highlighting the Hope

Community at Prayer

Prayer Preparation ~ “*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*”

*Hear our prayer, O Lord, Hear our prayer, O Lord;
Incline Thine ear to us, And grant us Thy peace.*

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 #268 ~ “*Crown Him with Many Crowns*”

*Benediction

*Choral Response #616 ~ “*Our God Is an Awesome God*”

*Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!*

Postlude ~ “*Come, Ye Thankful, People, Come*” (arr. Smith)

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The flowers are placed in the chancel today in memory of Janet Osborne by her daughter, Kelly.

Stewardship Sunday - 2022 Commitment Cards will be received today!

St. Paul’s will be closed November 24 through November 27.

We wish a very blessed and healthy Thanksgiving to all.

November 28 is the first Sunday of Advent

Advent Devotionals are available on the lobby table along with a list of suggested donations for the annual Giving Tree.

A Congregational Meeting is called for Sunday, December 12, immediately following worship, for the purpose of electing officers.

The Christmas Eve service will be at 4:00PM.

There will be NO worship service for St. Paul's on December 26 - all are invited to worship with Grace Bible Chapel in Genesis Hall.

St. Paul's will be closed December 27 and 28 and January 3, 2022.

Livonia Community Theatre presents...*"ALMOST, MAINE.*

Final performance today, Sunday November 21, at @ 2:30PM. Tickets are \$15.00 and available on the Livonia Community Theatre website - click on *"Box Office"*

Masks are required for all show attendees regardless of vaccination status.

and... *"Home for the Holidays,"* a benefit concert on Sunday, December 12 @ 4:00PM featuring the award winning A Cappella Vocal Group *TBD*. Tickets are \$15.00 and available on the Livonia Community Theatre website - click on *"Box Office"*

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Highlights from the November 16 meeting...

- 1- Session approved Kate Mackie to advance from Inquirer to Candidate for Ministry.
- 2- Thank you to all who have worked very hard on the Cavell House.
- 3- Grace Bible has been extended an invitation to join our Christmas Eve Service. St. Paul's is invited to join their December 26th service in Genesis Hall.

**From Kathy Potter...ROMANS 12:4 : Cookies for Crossroads Farm
December 12, following worship in the Social Hall**

We will gather for a meal, Christmas carols & packaging up 125 Christmas cookie decorating kits for the rural youth served by Crossroad Farms in western Michigan! Lunch will be prepared by the VanEcks! There will be a freewill offering available to cover the cost of the meal. Everyone is invited!

We will be requesting assistance from anyone who would be willing to bake LARGE, PLAIN SUGAR cookies to be BAGGED BY THE DOZEN IN GALLON ZIPLOCK BAGS. They can be Christmas shaped or round, but NOT decorated, as we are making cookie-decorating kits for the youth to decorate themselves! We need 125 dozen. Cookies can be brought in Sunday, December 12th, bagged & ready to be boxed & included in the kit.

Please sign up by Tuesday, December 7th in the church lobby or by responding to this invitation. Indicate how many will be participating on Sunday, so we can plan for the meal. Also indicate if you will be willing to bake and how many dozen you can provide.

If baking isn't your thing, Gordon Food Service has Christmas shaped sugar cookies ready to bake in boxes of 6 dozen!!! No mixing! Just bake, cool & bag!

On Sunday, the 12th, we will be boxing cookies, bagging sprinkles, and assembling the decorating kit for gifting! Crossroads Farm is a Christian ministry to at-risk rural youth in Western Michigan. These cookie decorating kits are added to other gifts donated by a variety of groups and individuals to form a Christmas package given to each of the youth served by this ministry at their annual Christmas party. We always have a wonderful time of fellowship & service as we prepare to bless and encourage these youth. I hope you will plan to join us!

From the Board of Deacons... "Do you have someone or something to celebrate? You can share your joy with your St. Paul's family, help feed the hungry, and honor the person or object of your celebration with a tribute gift to the Board of Deacons Hunger Ministries. Tribute gifts may also be in memory of someone or something, or your donation can simply be a gift to the Hunger Ministries. An acknowledgement will be placed in the bulletin and e-Branch. No set amount is required, and acknowledgements will go in the bulletin as soon as possible after checks are received. Donations may not be made far in advance for future dates. To donate, please:

- **Make your check payable to: St. Paul's Board of Deacons**
- In the Memo line, write: Hunger Ministries
- Enclose a note with: Donor(s) Name(s) and the dedication. (Dedication examples: In honor of the first responders. In honor of our grandchildren. In memory of my parents).

Send the donation with your check and note to St. Paul's, drop it in the secure mailbox outside the entrance, or bring it to the church during office hours. The Board of Deacons appreciates the congregation's generous spirit. Let's feed each other spiritually, and the hungry, literally. May the peace of Christ be with us all."



Meta Tulley, Gail Artinian, Ron Frank, Karen Bright, Sheldon Davis, Doris Knecht, Joyce Barton
Pam Phillips, Suzanne Tabaka, Jim & Joanna Roye, Nola Bonandrini, Nancy Saunders
Jerry Stone, Beverly Dearth, Kathleen Warren, Bob Liebertz, Grace Campbell, Susan Grant
Bruce Phillips, Patricia Hutchison, Linda Thompson & her sister, Shirley Kircoff
Macaylah Whitlock ~ daughter of the Rev. Kellie Whitlock; Tony Peraino ~ father-in-law of Steve Boyak
Finley Farquhar ~ granddaughter of Eric; Rosemary Iaquina ~ sister of Cathy DeSautel
Pamela Serene ~ daughter of the late Marilyn Allen
Mark Feely ~ friend of Judy McGregor; Glenn Ellan Rubright ~ sister of Mike Graham
Nicole Snead ~ daughter of Bill VanEck; Nancy Kreipke ~ mother of Christian
Rich McKenzie ~ son of Jean; Erin Lewis ~ daughter of Pattie Benoit
Phyllis Badman ~ niece of Georgia Hunt; Christie Piastowski ~ daughter of Karen Bright
Janet Kusuhara ~ cousin of Meta Tulley; Joe Ducsay ~ friend of Mike & Carol Graham
Mark Osborne ~ son of the late Janet

Diane Calloway & Tony S. ~ cousins of Gail Artinian; MaryAnn Tabaka ~ mother of Suzanne
Eric Tabaka ~ nephew of Suzanne; Cyndi Knecht ~ daughter of Doris; Joe Perko ~ friend of Wanda & Bob Seymour
David Bonandrini ~ son of Nola & Ben; Zoe Marcus ~ friend of Karen Erwin
Gideon Janku ~ great nephew of Bob Westbrook; Judy Siegfried ~ sister-in-law of Pam Phillips
Randy Tillman ~ son of Gloria Rubbo; Leslie Benoit ~ daughter of the late Tamar and Jim Duthie
Mary Rayes ~ friend of Pat Hutchison; Adam Schilling & Eric Shilling ~ grandsons of Ron & Janet Frank
Donald Keller III ~ son of Jan Lapenta; Scott Davis ~ son of Sheldon & Marion Davis

Please review the prayer list and report any changes to the office as soon as possible.

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Descant

4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je-sus' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall;
 2 Ye cho-sen seed of Is-rael's race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
 3 Let ev-ery kin-dred, ev-ery tribe on this ter-res-trial ball
 4 O that with yon-der sa-cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy-al di-a-dem, and crown him Lord of all!
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!
 to him all maj-es-ty as-cribe, and crown him Lord of all!
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This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

Spirit of the Living God 288

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall a - fresh on me.

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Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.

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KOREAN

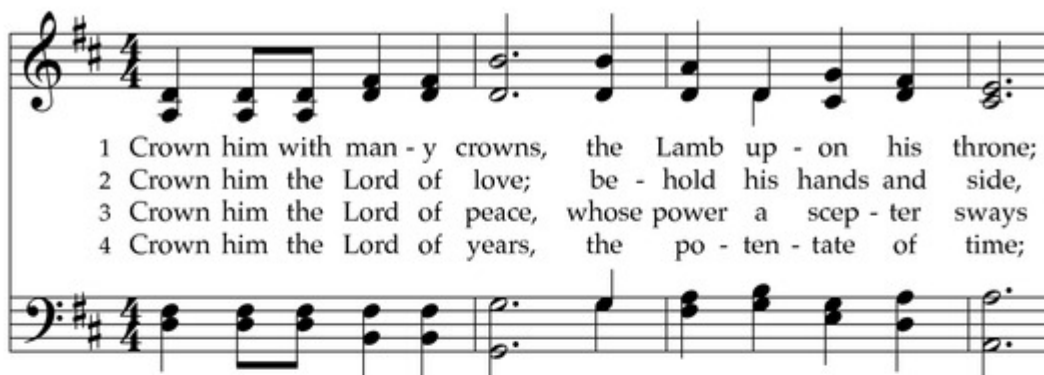
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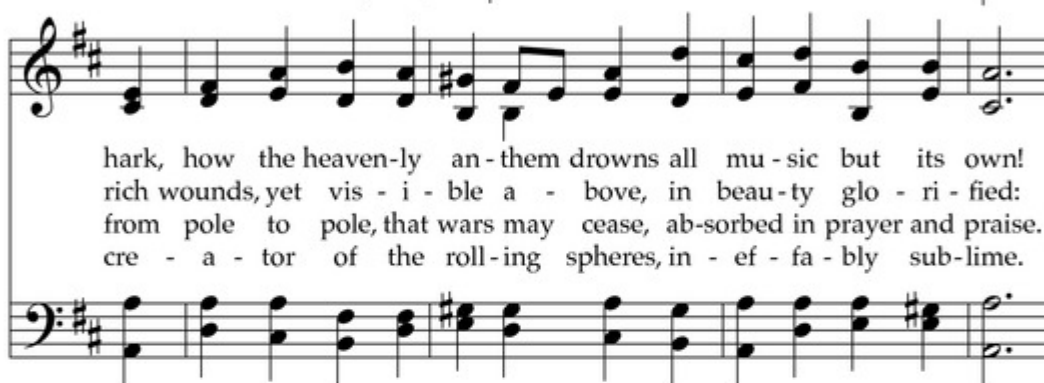
*Santo Espíritu de Dios, ven sobre mí.
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 Tómame, cámbiame, lléname, úsame.
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Both the words and the music of this prayer-song were written by a Presbyterian minister from Tarboro, North Carolina. The words were initially inspired by Jeremiah 18:1-6; a friend helped him set them to music during an evangelistic meeting in Orlando, Florida, where the song was first sung.

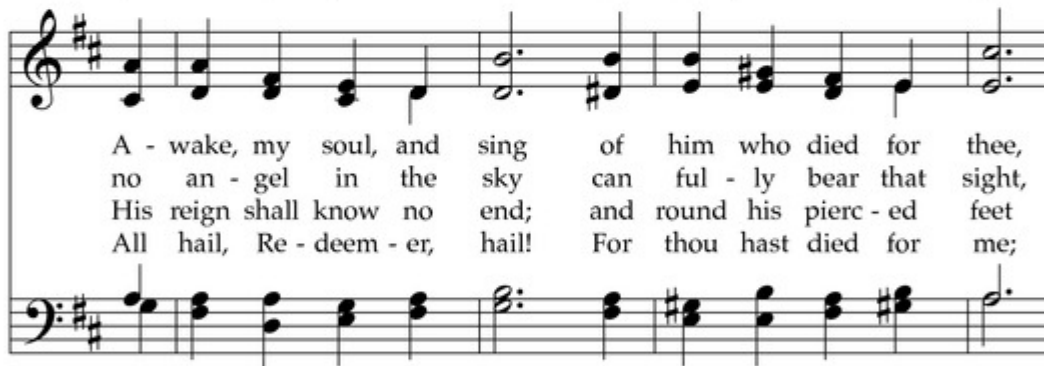
Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



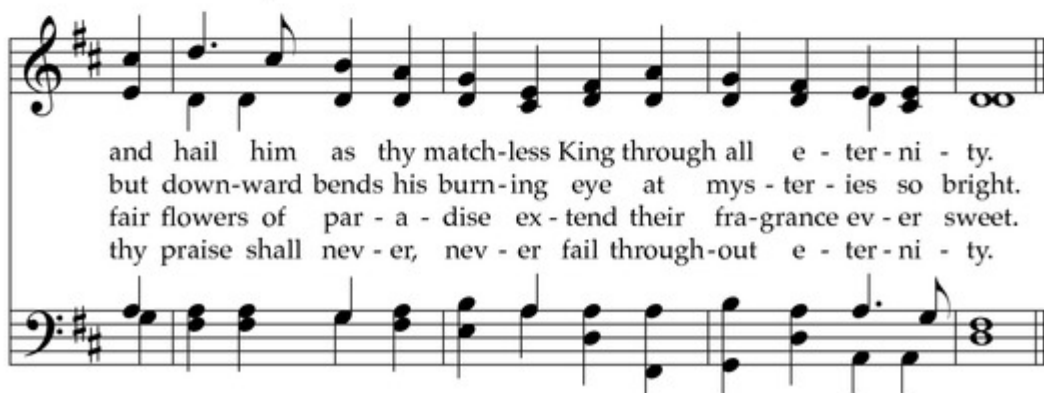
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.