



THE WORSHIP OF GOD
REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26 2023
ONLINE AND IN-PERSON WORSHIP
FBC SANCTUARY
11:00 A.M.

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People are often unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies. Succeed anyway. If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you. Be honest and frank anyway. What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight. Build anyway. If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous. Be happy anyway. The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow. Do good anyway. Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough. Give the best you've got anyway. You see, in the final analysis it is between you and God; it was never between you and them anyway.

— Mother Teresa

Gathering Music

“For The Fruit of All Creation”

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Welcome and Lighting of the Christ Candle

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant

Prelude

“If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee”

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* Call to Worship

Hannes Combest

Leader: God’s word stands forever,

People: even when we forget, or lose track, or put it aside.

Leader: God’s word stands forever,

People: no matter who is in power or how they lead.

Leader: God’s word stands forever,

People: calling us back to faithfulness.

LIFTING OUR VOICES IN PRAISE

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* Hymn of Praise (CONGR 2)

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

ITALIAN HYMN

* Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

If able, please text or message someone from the congregation and share with them the sign of peace.

* Responding in Peace (CONGR 337, vs. 1,4)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

LAUDA ANIMA (Andrews)

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

** In-person worshippers are invited to stand as able*

**Angels in the height, adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
saints triumphant, bow before Him, gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

* Gospel Reading

Luke 24:30-32

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Children's Sermon

SHARING OURSELVES IN PRAYER

Call to Prayer (CONGR 52)

"O Worship the King"
LYONS

Hearing our Joys and Concerns

Unison Discipline of Confession

We confess that we go back and forth between trying to control you and giving up, and both lead us away from your path. Forgive us for the times we have set aside your word, believing it could not serve our desires and so was not valuable. Forgive us for the times we have used your word to manipulate our own ends, believing it could work like magic to get us what we want. Remind us once again that your way is an end in itself, that life with you is a worthy goal regardless of what else may come, that your favor cannot be earned or lost, only responded to. Whatever lies ahead of us, O God, turn our hearts to you.

Discipline of Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

However long we wander, however far we stray, God's steadfast love endures forever. Siblings in Christ, be assured that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer

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, the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

Words & Music Jonas Myrin/Matt Redman

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RETURNING OUR GIFTS IN GRATITUDE

God at Work: What FBC Means to Me

Offertory

"For The Beauty of the Earth"

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* Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

(Those wishing to attend Children's Church may leave now)

PROCLAIMING THE TRUTH WITH HOPE

Old Testament Reading

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
2 Kings 22:13-20; 23:1-3

Sermon

Rev. Matthew Sturtevant
"Holy Dissenters: Huldah"

* Hymn of Invitation, (CONGR 223)

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"
DIADEMATA

Life of the Church

Benediction

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"
NUN DANKET

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The flowers on the altar this morning are given for the greater glory of God by Laura McCorkill.

TODAY IN WORSHIP

Liturgist: Hannes Combest

Substitute Organist/Pianist: Dr. Christy Miller

FBC Worship Band

Livestream Video Crew: Joanna Gillette, Brandon Gillette

Sound: Shane Schenkel • YouTube & Facebook Chat Moderator: Laura McCorkill

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Rev. John Williams and Glenda Schmidt, recovering at home from recent health events.

Ray Hiner, hospitalized at LMH in short-term rehab

Local Church: North Lawrence Christian Church

*American Baptist Churches, USA; Exe. Min., The Rev. Dr. Harry L. Riggs, II, serving churches in the state of
Connecticut*

*International Ministries Missionaries: Marlene Po, serving Southeast Asia and Japan as an assoc. global servant through
Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Shawnee, KS*

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