

# Reign of Christ 2018

## THE GATHERING

Ringing the 1887 Bell

Carillon Processional

### Welcome & Announcements

Prelude “Fantasia on *Come, Thou Almighty King*”  
setting, Franklin D. Ashdown

### \* Call to Worship

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is and who was and who is to come,  
**All: and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**  
One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.  
**All: The whole earth is full of God’s glory.**

### \* Opening Hymn #336 “We Gather Together”

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

**Sovereign God, come to us now in silent, holy power. Still our distracted minds, our bruised hearts, our longing bodies. Then speak the power of Jesus’ name in such a way that we might hear it, in such a way that we might bear it into the world—as a people who seek not to preserve what we know but to make palpable who you are—for we move and pray by the gift of your breath within us. Amen.**

### Call to Confession

One: Trusting in the power of God not only to fashion the world but to mend and refashion our hearts, let us say how it is with us.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy One, we dare to call you Lord, but yield to you only fragments of our lives. You had nowhere to lay your head; we surround ourselves with comfort. We expect to serve you with what remains after we have indulged our desires. Forgive our greed, our lack of trust, our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call. In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow, even at the cost of our lives. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting—it cannot be contained, but must be poured out. Believe this good news: in Jesus Christ, our sin is forgiven. Live as a people set free.

### \* Response #582

“Glory to God”

### \* The Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**All: And also with you.** (*Take a moment to greet each other with the peace of Christ*)

### Time for Young Disciples

**All: You’re beautiful! God loves you! And we love you too!**

Rev. Meggan Farwell

## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**Spirit of truth, move now in ancient words and cluttered hearts that we might hear your voice and live, for we long to be glad servants of your hidden, holy reign. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.**

### Scripture Reading

2 Samuel 23:1-7

Pew Bible – OT p.299

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### String Band

“He Reigns”

Furler/Taylor/Galbraith

### Scripture Reading

John 18:33-37

Pew Bible – NT p.113

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

“Past, Present, and Future King”

Rev. Dr. Luke Farwell

## THE RESPONSE TO THE WORD

### \* Affirmation of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

Hymnal, pg. 35

### \* Hymn (*see projection*)

“God of My Days”

Neese/Galbraith

### Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer

*Cantor (sung twice):*



You hear us call - ing, you hear us call - ing, Ab - ba, Fa - ther.

*Congregation:*



Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy.

\* Please stand as you are able

**Bold type** indicates text to be spoken or song to be sung by the congregation.

**Offering**

Offertory Video

CORE Youth

\* Doxology #607

\* **Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm, all the poor are satisfied with bread. Plant that promise firmly in our hearts, that we might be agents of your covenant love. Use these gifts, shape our desire, until hunger is no more—for Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor’s daily bread, and we pray by the power of his name. Amen.

**THE SENDING OUT**

\* Closing Hymn #748

“Go with Us, Lord”

\* Charge & Benediction

\* Postlude

“Rejoice, for Christ Is King!”

setting, Robert J. Powell



*Following worship, deacons will be available to pray with you  
in the prayer room if needed.*

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**Assisting in Worship This Morning**

**Greeters:** Judy & Tori England

**Liturgist:** Lynnée Schmidt

**Acolytes:** Rhett & Ava Mehlberg

**Ushers:** Loren Porretto, Rosemarie Pagel, Anneliese Waggoner & Barb Ryan

**Organist:** Julie Mackey

**String Band Director:** Ted Huebbe

**Elder of the Month:** Scott McPherson

**Deacons of the Month:** Debbie Pahl & Bonnie Le Mense

**Tech Crew:** Mark Young, Ted Huebbe, Steve Marks, & Joe Williams

**Fellowship:** Amy Cassidy & Becky Dzekute

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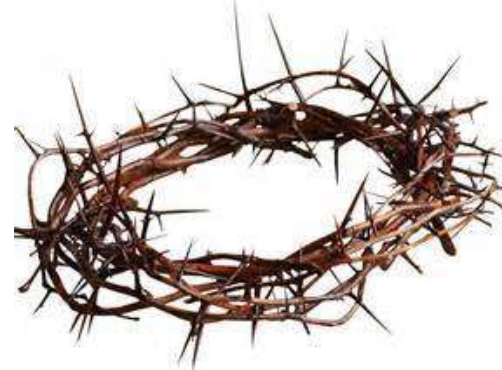
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