

Reaching out with Nurturing Love to All



November 21, 2021 Worship 10:00 am **First time here?** We are happy to have you visit with us today and hope that your worship experience is blessed. Please pick up a free visitor bag. **Children with you?** Activity materials for young worshipers are on the back tables. **Assistance needed?** The ushers have large print bulletins.

## **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP**

\*One asterisk signifies the congregation stands if able. The bold type is spoken by the congregation.

PRELUDE "We Thank Thee Jesus, Dearest Friend" by Dietrich Buxtehude

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(If you are a visitor, have a prayer request, or want to update your contact info, please fill out the connect card and place it in a basket by the doors.)

THANKFUL FOR: Nancy Hansen, Susan Jenkins, Karen Arena

MOMENT FOR MISSION The Giving Tree

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*One:* We gather to thank God for our many blessings!

All: We come to worship with our whole hearts, souls, and minds.

*One:* We praise our Lord for all he has done for us!

<u>All:</u> Let us gratefully worship our God, our Savior and our King of Truth!

\*HYMN #268 (vs. 1, 4) "Crown Him with Many Crowns" M. Bridges, 1851
Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

### \*CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

<u>One:</u> Almighty God, from the beginning of time to the end of eternity, you have chosen to use your power and majesty to love us, to redeem us, to shape us as your people.

<u>All:</u> King of Kings and Lord of Lords: you became weak so you could confront the strength of sin and death, confounding ridicule with your resurrection.

<u>One:</u> Spirit of God, resting upon us: may your power enflame us with your peace; may your peace touch us with your grace; may your grace fill us with your hope may your hope lead us into your Kingdom. Amen.

### \*WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

<u>One:</u> Jesus came to us not to reign as a king over us, but to serve us, and to show us that God is the way of love. This is the way of our Sovereign Lord. Know that you are forgiven and empowered to love and serve one another, especially our neighbors in need.

**All:** Alleluia! Amen.

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581 Gloria Patri

CALL FOR OFFERING AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lindsay Olsen

OFFERTORY "My Tribute" Andre Crouch, arr. Fred Bock

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION HYMN #286 "Breathe on Me Breath of God" Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life anew, that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 93
The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength.
He has established the world; it shall never be moved;
your throne is established from of old;
you are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring.

More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord!

Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, for evermore. This is the Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM "A Song of Gratitude"

**Edward Broughton** 

Lindsay Olsen

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For

this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

### Thanks be to God!

**SERMON** 

"Belong to the Truth"

Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway

\*HYMN #724 (vs. 1, 4)

"O Jesus, I Have Promised" John Ernest Bode, 1866

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend; I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be. And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

### PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

<u>One:</u> Lord, as You hung on a cross, Your first thought was for others. You forgave the ones who ridiculed and tortured You. You accepted the criminal who hung beside You. Little did they know that they gazed at a king.

<u>All:</u> We don't need signs and labels to recognize Your power and Your authority, Lord. It is because we have seen the unlikely become reality; because we have witnessed You in the unexpected, and because we believe in truths honed by a carpenter's son, that we dare to hope, Lord, that Your kingdom has come among us and continues to come, day after

day, among the poor and the lonely, the sick and the weary, the angry and the abused, the warmongers and the peace seekers.

<u>One</u>: We pray for the power of your truth and healing touch for those whose lives are affected by grief and greed, injustice and injury, emptiness and entropy. Trusting in your goodness and your grace we thank you for soothing the wounds of untouchables and for healing the throbbing scars of hatred.

<u>All:</u> And if we catch only a glimpse of Your mercy among the hardness of life, if we can sense Your presence only for a fleeting moment in the busyness of life, if we can witness the wholeness which happens among the brokenness of life, then we will know that Your kingdom has come and we pray that Your will be done. This day and always, for Jesus' sake and in his name, we pray as he taught us saying: (*The Lord's Prayer*)

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

<u>All:</u> 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 #182 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" Horatius Bonar I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad; I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."

I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

\*BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** 

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Sigfrid-Karg Elert



# Flowers are donated by the Baker Family in honor of Jake Parsons.

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Cindy Alloway Liturgist: Lindsay Olsen Music: Althea Wright, Linda Burille, Chancel Choir Technology: Norm Smith, Phil Goede, Nico Wycoff

## **Decorate the Church for Christmas**

O Come all ye faithful, and help us deck the halls for Christmas! Join us on **Saturday**, **Nov. 27**, **at 10:30 a.m.** as we haul out the holly and rock around the Christmas tree. There will be silver bells and a star in the east. There won't be any figgy-pudding, but we promise to sustain your body and spirit. So help us prepare for our long-expected Jesus, and have yourself a merry little Christmas...all through the season!

## **Nativity Around the World**

Do you have a Nativity set you would like to display in our Crèche Exhibit? Please bring your carefully wrapped and labeled manger scene to the church office **by Nov, 27** (Church Decorating Saturday) to be included in the exhibit. *Please label with your name and where your crèche originated.* All items donated to the exhibit will be returned in January.

# PRAYER REQUESTS Please include in your prayers Those mourning the death of their loved ones

- \* The family of Jake Parsons as they mourn his passing on Oct. 29, 2021.

  His memorial has been postponed for a later time.
- \* The family of Janice Holmes as they mourn her passing on Oct. 23, 2021. Her memorial will take place on Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 2 pm.
  - \* The family of Tony Burille as they mourn his passing on Oct. 28, 2021.

### Those with health issues

Bill Beaumont	Maryann Iodence	Susan Smith
Dolores Borchers	Carolyn Kenworthy	Sharon Sorani
Patrick Butler	Margret Kram	Susie Vela
Peggy Call	Arnold Kuprian	<b>Bob Weber</b>
Doreen Cowden	Vivian Mazeski	Jill White
Pat Currier	Jessica Morse	Roger White
Eldon Davis	Spencer Nguyen	Helen Wikle
Dick Draper	Nancy Pinney	Betty Witchey-Ryer
Sam Gomes	Lynette Randerson	Chris Yen's mom
Michele Hare	Rosa Rosillo	<b>Avery Yudice</b>
Phil Henry	Pamela Sage	
- -	Bob Simmons	

## **Those serving in our military**

Sgt. David A. Dickens, USAF Jason Morse, Coast Guard Lt. Ian Alloway Culver, Lt. Col. David Trowbridge, M.D. is stationed at the Joint Air Force Base Elmendorf-Richardson in Anchorage, Ak and serves as a Cardiologist with the Alaska Native Medical Center, Chris Loranger serving in Afghanistan.

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