



An Order of Worship for the Lord's Day  
 Stone Presbyterian Church  
 A Welcoming and Affirming Congregation  
 November 26, 2023 ~ Reign of Christ



**We Gather to Celebrate the Reign of Christ**

PRELUDE "Pastel on 'We Gather Together'" Charles Callahan  
 "Divertimento on 'Let All Things Now Living'"  
 (Please listen quietly to the prelude as the community prepares for worship)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.  
**Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**  
 Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;  
**We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**  
 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.  
**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**  
 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever.  
**All: Let us worship God.**

+HYMN #559 "We Gather Together" KREMSER  
 (+Those who are able may stand.)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first together, then in silent reflection)  
**Almighty and most merciful God, we have wandered and strayed  
 from your ways like lost sheep.  
 We have followed too much the designs and desires of our own hearts.  
 We have broken your holy laws.  
 We have done those things we ought not to have done, and we have left  
 undone the things we ought to have done.  
 Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
 Hear us as we confess our faults.  
 Restore us in your mercy, according to your promises declared to the  
 world in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
 And grant us, most merciful God, that we may from this day forth live  
 holy, just and humble lives, to the honor and glory of Jesus Christ our  
 Lord and Savior. Amen.**

RESPONSE HYMN #2275 "Kyrie"  
 ("Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.")

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

+A DOXOLOGY #579 "Glory Be to the Father" GLORIA PATRI

+THE PEACE OF CHRIST

**We Listen for the Word of God**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
 (You are invited to say the "amen" aloud.)

LESSONS FROM THE SCRIPTURES

**Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 God will provide a shepherd for the people.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

**Ephesians 1:15-23 A prayer for the wisdom of the riches of God.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO "Talk to the Shepherd" Avery & Marsh  
 G. Roberts Kolb, soloist

**Matthew 25:31-46 The judgment of the peoples.**  
 The Word of the Lord. / **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "Reign Check"

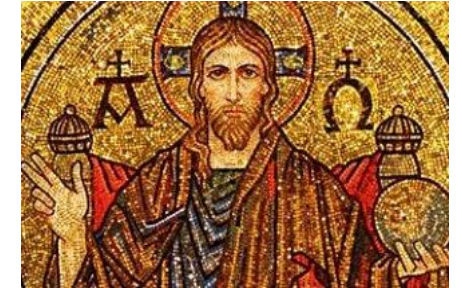
**We Respond at Table with Faith and Thanksgiving**

+HYMN #554 "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Nicene Creed* (Ecumenical Version)  
 (see insert)

LIFE OF THE CHURCH, JOYS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" Charles Callahan



## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. / **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts. / **We lift them up to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. /  
**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:  
(singing to DUKE STREET)

**Holy\_, holy\_, holy\_ Lord,  
By all the earth and heav'n adored,  
Blest is the one\_ who's\_ come\_ to\_ reign!  
Hosannas now, our glad refrain!**

... as now together with one voice we announce to the world the story of our faith:  
(singing to DUKE STREET)

**This is the news that redeems all\_ loss:  
Christ died for us upon the cross;  
Christ rose victo-rious in glory from the grave,  
Christ will return, his own to save.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND COMMUNION

*(Please come forward by the center aisle to receive and partake the bread and individual cups, then return to your seat by the side aisles.)*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## **We Are Sent Out in the Glory of Christ the King**

+HYMN #423      "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"      DUKE STREET

+CHARGE & BLESSING

+POSTLUDE



## STONE CHURCH WELCOMES YOU TO WORSHIP

November 26, 2023 ~ The Reign of Christ ~ 10:30 a.m.



*The purpose of Stone Church is to be an inviting, spiritual community of Christ, engaging in worship that inspires and challenges us to learn and grow as we reach out in caring and service, trusting in the love of God.*

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly  
human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was  
buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## We Gather Together

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KREMSER 12.11.12.11

Netherlands folk hymn, 1625  
Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894

*Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626  
Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol Thee, Thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make known;  
Or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing His king - dom di - vine;  
And pray that Thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing,  
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;  
Let Thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to His name; He for - gets not His own.  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glo - ry be Thine!  
Thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

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Let All Things Now Living

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Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

*Unison*

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing  
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;  
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,  
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.  
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

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 Music: Harmonization used by permission of executors of the estate of G. H. Knight.

*Harmony*

God's ban - ners are o'er us. Pure light goes be - fore us.  
 We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:  
 With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

*Unison*

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,  
 Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.  
 To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

# 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

*Descant*

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns: The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from  
 thron - g to crown His head; His name like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen!