



November 26, 2017 11:15 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday

Gathering Songs

#413

“Come into God’s Presence”

#654

“In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful”

Welcome and Living Our Faith

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 100

Serve the Lord with gladness;
come into God’s presence with joy.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Know that the Lord is God.

We are the cherished sheep of our Creator’s pasture.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

With thanksgiving, enter the gates of the Most High;

Come into God’s courts with songs of praise.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Song #388

“Come All You People”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Adapted from a prayer from *Many Voices*

**God of Mercy,
you have called us to walk humbly with you
and to show compassion toward the least of these.
Yet we have failed to live up to this call.
Today, we come before you
asking your Spirit to empower us
to be agents of transformation in the world.
Make us fountains of grace,
from which all who suffer
can find the living waters of God –
the one who calls us to lives of service, of humility,
and of reconciliation
with you, with creation, and with the world. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

"The Lord is good!
God's steadfast love endures forever;
God's faithfulness blesses all generations." (Psalm 100:5)

Believe the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Give thanks to the Lord; bless God's holy name!

Response #587

"Alleluia"

Passing the Peace

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

Beatty Chadwick, Lay Reader

Response

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Message

Sudie Niesen Thompson

Song #767

"Together We Serve"

Offering

Please sign the blue friendship notebook and pass it to the person next to you.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Song #273

"He is King of Kings"

Sending

Response #273 (refrain)

Following worship, please join us in the Meeting Room for coffee, tea, and fellowship.

SERMON SERIES: WHY CHURCH?

On seven Sundays this fall, Dr. Jones will lay out the reasons that the church is absolutely crucial to the state of the world today.

October 8	The Church Plays a Critical Role in Society	November 19	Serving the World, Finding Our Soul
October 15	Where Community is Built	December 3	A Prophetic Voice
November 5	Can the Church Revive Our Sense of Enchantment with the World?	December 10	Where We Find Hope
November 12	Shaping Character		

Previous sermons are available on the literature table and on the church website.

We are thankful for your presence and participation this morning. Westminster has two worship options each Sunday. Our other Sunday morning worship service is held at 9:00 a.m., and includes a choir, organ music and a brief Children's Message. Both services include prayers, singing, scripture and sermon.

Following worship, feel free to make a bouquet to brighten someone's day. Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in gratitude for Westminster's amazing staff and volunteers, given by the Thomas-Suarez Family.

Please remember in your prayers Mary Young.

Children are welcome in worship. You will find yellow worship bags for all children at the chapel entrance.

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