

NORTHRIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

November 22, 2020 10:00 A.M.

Christ the King Sunday

GATHERING

Prelude

Festive Prelude on CORONATION

Janet Correll

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

PREPARING FOR GOD'S WORD

✠ Call to Worship

The abundance of God's steadfast love

pours into our lives and flows out to cover the world.

We gather together as God's beloved people,

a sure sign of God's everlasting grace and mercy.

With thanksgiving in our hearts and joy on our lips,

let us sing praises to our holy God!

✠ Gathering Hymn #268

Crown Him with Many Crowns

DIADEMATA

✠ Prayer of Confession (italicized words are sung)

Good and gracious God, we confess the things we try to conceal from you and the things we try to conceal from others. We name the heartbreak, worry and sorrow we have caused, that make it difficult for others to forgive us, the times we have made it easy for others to do wrong, the harm we have done that makes it hard for us to forgive ourselves.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Soften our hearts that we may more fully give of ourselves as you have given abundantly to us. Forgive our wayward hearts and minds, O God, and restore us to a fullness of life that only you can give, by the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

✠ Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear and believe the good news of the Gospel:

we are saved by grace through faith. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

✠ Passing the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Leviticus 19:9-10

(O.T. p.106)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Betsy Lyles Swetenburg
Risking Something Big for Something Good

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

✠ Affirmation of Faith

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

✠ Affirmation Response

WILD MOUNTAIN THYME

May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of sister, brother.

In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving.

Spirit, open my heart.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.

Call to Give
Offertory

My Master Hath a Garden
Ellie Mantrom, soloist

Richard Hundley

✦ Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore—One holy God, whom we adore. Amen.**

✦ Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

✦ Sending Hymn #370

This Is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

✦ Charge and Benediction

**Go out into God's world in peace; have courage; hold on to what is good;
return to no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint-hearted;
support the weak; help the suffering; honor all persons;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Closing Voluntary

Finale from Symphonie No.1

Louis Vierne

In lieu of flowers, Marisu Fenton has made a donation to Presbyterian Children's Homes and Services, remembering the countless number of children waiting for safety, stability, compassion and support – not only those in the United States foster care system, but also those who are refugees, homeless or living in fear anywhere in the world. May love win.

Leading worship today:

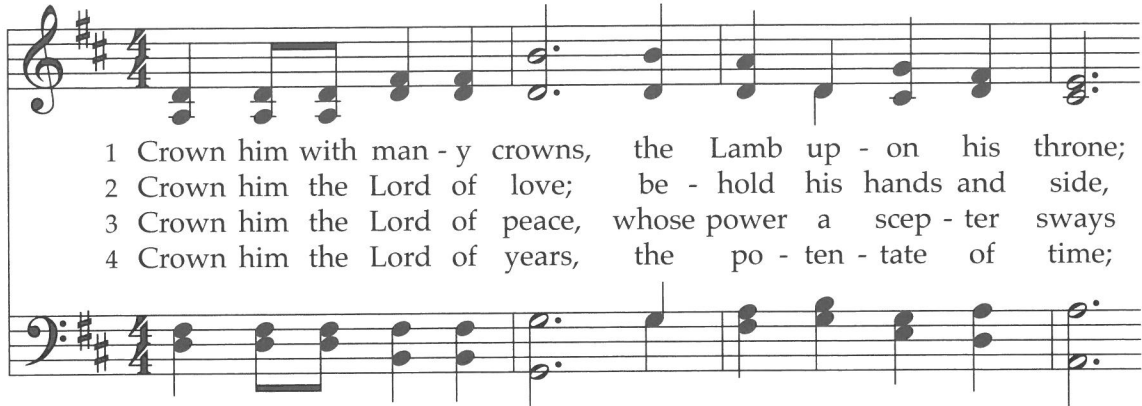
Rev. Elizabeth Lyles Swetenburg, Senior Pastor/Head of Staff

Bryan Page, Director of Music Ministries

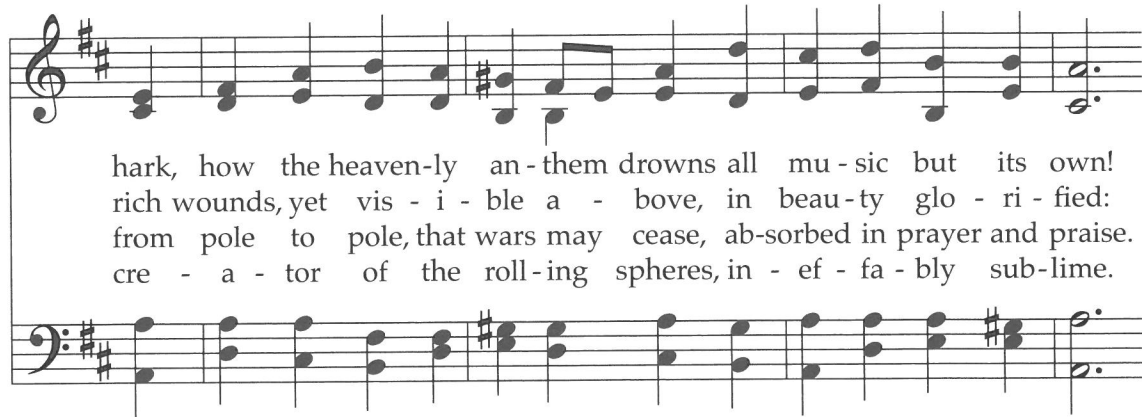
Julia Boudreaux, Organist

Rebecca Jones, Soundboard Operator

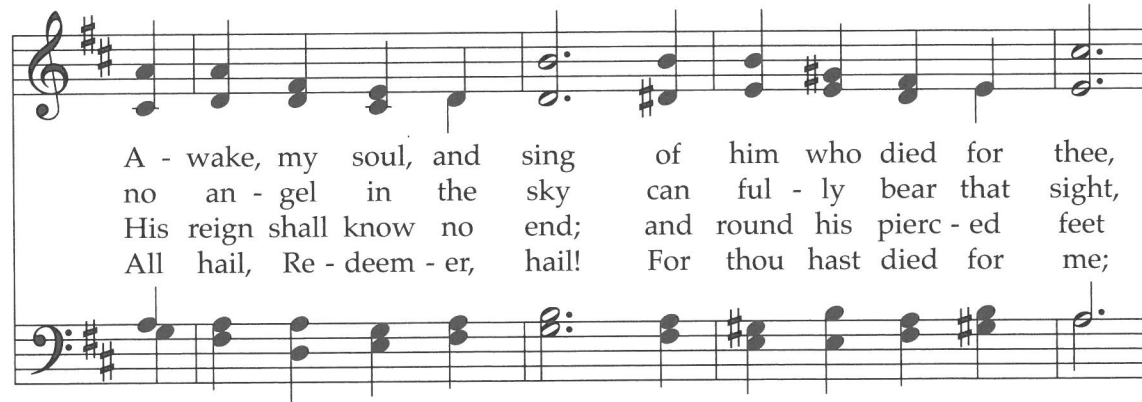
Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



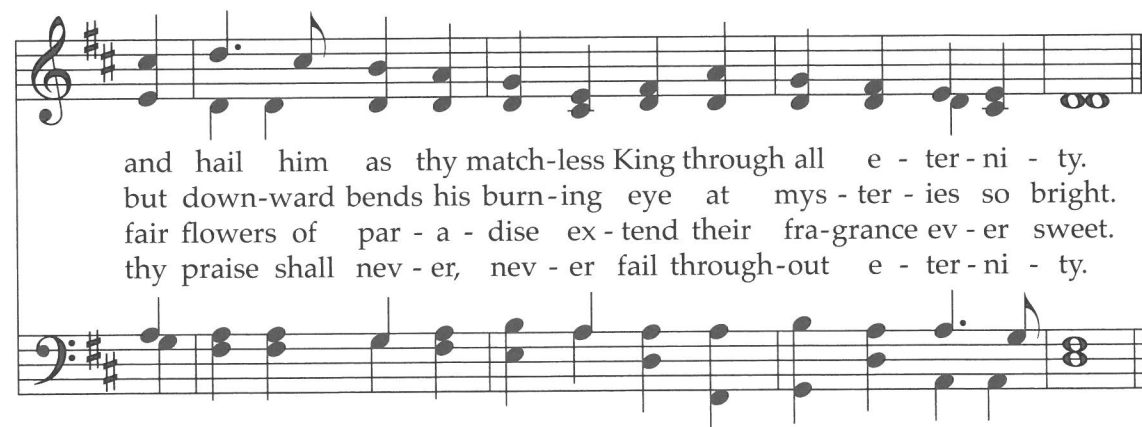
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;



hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down-ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

✦ Kyrie

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us,

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us,

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

✦ Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly

Ghost; as it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

692 Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain Capo 3: (D) (G) (D) (G) (A7)
F B \flat F B \flat C7

Spir - it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of

(Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7) (Bm) (D/A) (Em)
Dm F/C B \flat C7 Dm F/C Gm

liv - ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing

(D) (G) (Em7) (D) (G) (D)
F B \flat Gm7 F B \flat F *Fine*

and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

(D) (G) (D) (G)
F B \flat F B \flat

1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's
2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my
3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of

(A7) (Bm) (D/A) (G) (A7)
C7 Dm F/C B \flat C7

kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and
goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and
sis - ter, broth - er. In the wel - come of .

(Bm) (Em7) (D) (G2) (G)
Dm Gm7 F B \flat 2 B \flat
to Refrain

fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.
deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.
Christ, may we wel - come one an - oth - er.

The pace and diversity of modern life often hinder us from remaining vulnerable to our emotions and to the humanness of other people. This prayerful text to be open to such joys and pains draws on Ezekiel 11:19 and 36:26 in stanza one and echoes Jeremiah 31:33 in stanza two.

✠ Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, all crea - tures

here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more - One

ho - ly God, whom we a - dore. A - men.

This Is My Father's World 370

1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world. O, let me ne'er for - get that

na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world. The bat - tle is not done: Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the won-ders wrought.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heaven be one.

When pastor of a Presbyterian church in Lockport, New York, the author of this text referred to his morning walks as "going out to see my Father's world." The tune created for these words is based on an English melody the composer learned from his mother when he was a boy.