The Lord's Day, February 28, 2021

The Christian Year: the Second Sunday of Lent

10:30 AM Morning Service

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. (Acts 10:42)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 96:7, 10-13

Minister: Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

People: Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;

he will judge the peoples with equity."

Minister: Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult,

and everything in it! Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord,

People: for he comes, for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the

peoples in his faithfulness.

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

*Hymn of Adoration: "O God, to Us Show Mercy" (No. 437)

1 O God, to us show mercy and bless us in your grace; cause now to shine upon us the brightness of your face; that so your way most holy on earth may soon be known, and unto ev'ry people your saving grace be shown.

2 O God, let all men praise you, let all the nations sing; in ev'ry land let praises and songs of gladness ring; for you shall judge the people in truth and righteousness, and through the earth the nations shall your just rule confess.

3 O God, let people praise you, let all the nations sing, for earth in rich abundance to us her fruit shall bring. The Lord our God shall bless us, our God shall blessing send, and all the earth shall fear him to its remotest end.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

O LORD Most High, Creator of the ends of the earth, Governor of the universe, Judge of all men, Head of the church, Savior of sinners: your greatness is unsearchable, your goodness infinite, your compassions unfailing, your providence boundless, your mercies ever new. Your Son is our only refuge, foundation, hope, and confidence. We depend upon his death, rest in his righteousness, and desire to bear his image. May his glory fill our minds and his love reign in our affections. In his glorious name we come to you. Amen.

from "Sixth Day Morning: The Gospel" in The Valley of Vision

*Confession of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 4

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice,

goodness, and truth.

*Gloria (Tune: Azmon)

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n

by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

Psalter Reading: Psalm 2

Minister: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

People: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rules gather together against the Lord

and against his Anointed One.

Minister: "Let us break their chains," they say, "and throw off their fetters."

People: The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.

Minister: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, "I have installed my

King on Zion, my holy hill."

People: I will proclaim the decree of the Lord; He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have

become your Father.

Minister: "Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth you possession.

People: "You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery."

Minister: Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

People: Serve the Lord with fear and rejoice with trembling.

Minister: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a

moment.

Hymn of Praise: "O Lord, Thou Judge of All the Earth" (No. 49, verses 1-4, Tune "Old Hundredth")

1 O Lord, thou Judge of all the earth,
to whom all vengeance doth belong,
arise and show thy glory forth,
requite the proud, condemn the wrong.

3 Be wise, ye fools and brutish men;
shall not he see, who formed the ear,
and judge, who reigneth, God Most High?

2 How long, O Lord, in boastful pride 4 The Lord will judge in righteousness, shall wicked men triumphant stand? from him all truth and knowledge flow; How long shall they afflict thy saints the foolish thoughts of wicked men, and scorn thy wrath, thy dreadful hand? how vain they are the Lord doth know.

The Prayers of Intercession

Unison: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all

your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace and for the hope of glory. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this

world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

Minister: I pray for your people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all

ministers and missionaries, especially for the staff of The Women's Refuge, the board and staff of Care Net, the Mahand family (London, England), the Lee family (RUF at FAU), and the May family

(Peru). I pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. I pray for the Church.

People: We pray for the leaders of our nation and all who hold authority, especially that they would resolve to protect the lives of the unborn and defenseless. We pray that their decisions would

allow us to lead peaceful and quiet lives, godly and dignified in every way.

Minister: And Father, I ask that you would, through the advance of the gospel, bring true peace to people in

China, North Korea, Syria, Iran, Iraq, Libya and other nations in need of true reformation and restoration. I pray for the comfort and protection of our brothers and sisters in these places as they

offer the hope of the gospel of Jesus Christ amid great danger and opposition.

People: Father, we pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers.

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

I love you, O Lord, my strength. The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies. . . . In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I cried for help. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. (Psalm 18:1-3, 6)

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord" (No. 6)

1 O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me bless his holy name; bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

Refrain:

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

2 Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love; rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above. [Refrain]

3 His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame. [Refrain]

4 We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear; but evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear. [Refrain]

5 High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul. [Refrain]

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One; O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of the Holy Scriptures: Revelation 2:18-29

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "He Who Searches Mind and Heart" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

*Hymn of Response: "Jesus Shall Reign" (No. 441)

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run; his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King, angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

If you would like someone to pray with you, an Elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary following the service.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Family Fun Night

Join us **Friday**, **March 5 at 5:30 p.m**. as we gather at the church for some fun outdoor games (for all ages), food, and a bonfire (weather permitting). You can come just for the fellowship or plan to play along. You can sign up via the <u>link we emailed to you</u> or on the sign-up sheet in the narthex. Please bring your lawn chairs for the fire and s'mores.

Walk for Life

March 27 is CareNet's annual Walk for Life event. Visit <u>the Care Net website</u> to join Pastor Seth and the CTK Team and/or to support them with a donation. All proceeds go to support Care Net's important work.

Updated Contact Info?

Please let us know if you have gotten a new phone number, email, or address in the last year. We are updating the CTK directory and want to make sure we have everyone's contact information correct. Please make any changes to the draft copy in the foyer or you can email minda@ctkvb.org or see Susan Parsons with any updates. Thank you!

Interested in Becoming a Member?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, please contact an elder or the church office.

➤ Women's Bible Study

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study, held at the church building each Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The study began January 14 and will continue through March 25. We are going through Courtney Doctor's book *From Garden to Glory: A Bible Study on the Bible's Story*.

Study books may be found on the book table for \$15 each. You may deposit cash or check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. Bring a friend.