The Lord's Day, September 19, 2021

The Christian Year: the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful. (Revelation 17:14)

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Revelation 7:9-12

Minister: After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from

all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in

white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice,

People: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

Minister: And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living

creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

People: "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to

our God forever and ever!

Unison: Amen."

*Hymn of Adoration: "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" (No. 165)

1 Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim, and publish abroad his wonderful name; Let all cry aloud and honor the Son. The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

2 God ruleth on high, almighty to save; 4 Then let us adore, and give him his right, and still he is nigh- his presence we have.

The great congregation his triumph shall sing, ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

4 Then let us adore, and give him his right, all glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. Worthy are you, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth. Worthy are you, Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing! Worthy are you, for you are Lord of lords and King of kings, and you will conquer all. Amen.

*Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.I

Minister: Christian, what do you believe concerning the Lord Jesus, our mediator?

People: It pleased God, in his eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, his only begotten Son,

to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of his church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom he did from all eternity give a people, to be his seed, and to be by him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and

glorified.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

*Gloria (Tune: Ode to Joy)

"Glory, blessing, praise eternal!" Thus the choir of angels sings. "Honor, glory, power, dominion!" Thus its praise creation brings. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the almighty King of kings! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! To the King of glory sing!

Old Testament Reading: Daniel 4:28-37

Hymn of Response: "Hail to the Lord's Anointed" (No. 311)

1 Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son! Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun! He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free, to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

2 He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong; to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong; to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light, whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

3 He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth; and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth; before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go; and righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

4 O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest, from age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed; the tide of time shall never his covenant remove: his name shall stand foreverthat name to us is Love.

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.

Silent Intercession

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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 and ever. Amen

Words of Assurance

Minister: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Bless the LORD, O, my soul and all that is within me bless His holy name! People:

*Hymn of Thanksgiving: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (No. 184, Tune: St. Columba)

1 The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.

2 Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love he sought me, and on his shoulder gently laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Revelation 17:1-18

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "Babylon the Great" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

*Hymn of Response: "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (SH No. 10)

1 How deep the Father's love for us, How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

2 Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life –
I know that it is finished.

*The Benediction

Postlude

*Denotes congregational standing, if able.

4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear Lord, beside me; thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.

5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth.

6 And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never: Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

3 I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

> Interested in Becoming a Member of CTK?

If you are interested in becoming a member of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, please contact Minda Templeton (minda@ctkvb.org, 440.413.3160). We hope to hold an Inquirers' Class this fall.

Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time

Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time will resume **Wednesday**, **September 22**. Each Wednesday we'll meet at C.J. Cannon's at 7 a.m.

Women's Bible Study

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study **on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.** at the church. This ten-week study on the book of Esther is led by Carolyn Beckett, Bev Bell, Audrey Blanzole and Winnie Paauw.

Study books may be found on the book table for \$10 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.

> Peanut Butter Drive

CTK is offering a way to help children in an orphanage and school in Jacmel, Haiti. While they did not suffer major damage from the recent earthquake, they did feel the initial shock and several aftershocks. Two buildings on campus were left with cracks in the foundations, but these were easily repaired. Eighteen children in this orphanage lost parents in an earthquake that struck the area a few years ago. The school provides education K-9. Your assistance to these children comes in the form of a peanut butter drive, providing a nutritious and tasty treat these children will enjoy. A box is available in the narthex for you to leave a jar or two. Or you may wish to donate funds to help offset the cost of shipment with Mission Flights International, which is \$1 per pound. Please see Frank Wroblewski if you wish to contribute.