# Lord's Day Worship

August 14, 2022

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.* 

#### **PRAISE**

\* Call to Worship Psalm 95:1

\* Opening Hymn "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

## <u>RENEWAL</u>

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

Almighty God, we confess that we are quick to argue with you, our Creator and Redeemer. We have no right to talk back to you, yet we often consider your ways unjust and imagine ourselves to be wiser and kinder than you are. When the truth of your Word contradicts our desires, our anger rises up and we think you unfair. Forgive us, Lord, for wanting to instruct you in mercy and grace. Thank you for your endless patience with your foolish children. Thank you for the powerful blood of our wonderful Savior, Jesus Christ, that cleanses away our sin. Thank you for clothing us in his righteousness. (silent prayer)

\* Assurance of Pardon Psalm 103:2-4
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all
your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, and
crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

### Thanks be to God!

\* Song "My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness"
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. Amen.

Offering Doxology

#### THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11

\* Psalter Hymn "With All Your Hearts Rejoice and Sing"

Psalter Reading Psalm 21

Sermon "The King Rejoices"

## **COMMITMENT**

\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Church, what do you believe?

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy universal Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* Closing Song

"Ancient of Days"

- \* Benediction
- \* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Glory to God!

## Jesus Is King!

The Apostle Paul wrote, Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men (Philippians 2:5-7).

From the moment of his conception, Christ set aside his glory in order to come into this fallen, helpless world on our behalf. He came not on a chariot but to a manger; he came not with a scepter but to a stable. Jesus was as much an earthly servant as he is the heavenly Sovereign.

To say that he *emptied himself*, however, doesn't mean that he transitioned from being God to being man, and then back to being God again. When we read that *the Word became flesh and dwelt among us* (John 1:14), we should be in awe that our wonderful Savior became human without giving up his deity. He is truly God and truly man!

Our finite minds sometimes focus on Christ's deity so much that we don't remember that he was no less human than you and me; and at other times we can become so preoccupied with his humanity that we lose sight of his divinity. The Scriptures hold Christ's two natures in perfect tension. Although he took on human form, he was not merely who he appeared to be.

There is more to Jesus than meets the eye. He may have looked like any other man, but no other man can stand in a boat in a raging storm and calm the sea with a word. Only God can heal the lame or restore sight to the blind. Jesus alone deserves the worship of angels and the praise of all creation. Yet, he was willing to leave everything to become nothing, so that those who acknowledge their nothingness can be given everything. He became flesh so that he might serve, and he beautifully modeled servanthood to all who follow him. How will you look to his example in your tasks and responsibilities today?

Pastor Phil Moran



"...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything." Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

August 14, 2022 | Rev. Phil Moran "The King Rejoices" Psalm 21

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