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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

10:30 A.M.

✠ Christ the King ✠

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WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

** Please stand in body or in spirit.*

A WORD OF WELCOME AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

INTROIT

Now Thank We All Our God, arr. by Eileen Mihm

Bell Choir

*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ, King and Lord of all,
given the name above every other name

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

King of righteousness, King of peace,
enthroned at the right hand of Majesty on high

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you

Great high priest, living forever to intercede for us;

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

Pioneer of our salvation, you bring us to glory through your death and resurrection;

Jesus, King and Lord of all, we worship and adore you.

Every knee bows to you; every tongue confesses,
you are King of kings and Lord of Lords,
to the glory of God the Father.

*HYMN

Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

GtG #263

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all!

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, ye ransomed from the fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all! To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

In these moments, Remembering God, we bring to you all the ways we have not lived as your people: we stand by watching while those in need struggle to survive; we cast our lots with those who worship power and success; we offer insults rather than words of grace to those who care for us; we scoff at your words which call us to a different lifestyle. Forgive us, God of Mercy, for not knowing what we do to you, to others, to ourselves. Speak to us through Jesus Christ, our King and our Savior, who bears words filled with your tender mercy and gracious hope.

Time for silent reflection.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE (responsive)

This is the good news: God remembers! Not our sins, not our foolish lives, not our rebellion. God remembers us - and redeems us!

God prepares the way for us - the way to grace, to hope, to new life.

Joyfully, we offer our thanks to God. Amen.

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.

ANTHEM

All Good Gifts, by David Schwoebel

Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Song of prayer: Lord, Listen to your Children Praying (*pew song sheet*)

Prayers lifted to God

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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.

*HYMN

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

GtG #267

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen! Loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen! Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice; praise is his gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen! Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend; his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!
Praise yet our Christ again: Alleluia! Amen! Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore, singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (responsive)

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 93

OT page# 549

The Lord is king, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed, he is girded with strength. He has established the world; it shall never be moved; your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. More majestic than the thunders of mighty waters, more majestic than the waves of the sea, majestic on high is the Lord! Your decrees are very sure; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore.

SECOND LESSON

John 18:33-40

NT page# 113

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?" After he had said this, he went out to the Jews again and told them, "I find no case against him. But you have a custom that I release someone for you at the Passover. Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" They shouted in reply, "Not this man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a bandit.

SERMON

Christ's Kingdom

The Rev. Anne McAnelly

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world—
which some seek to control, but which others view with despair—**

we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God!
From the beginning, through all the crises of our times,
until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever.
Our world belongs to him!
God is King! Let the earth be glad!
Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah!
The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness,
and dedicate ourselves to holy living.
As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience,
and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives
to do God's work in his world.
With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended,
we expect the Day of the Lord.
And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness
will fill the earth when Christ appears.
Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

OFFERING

Offering Music *Shall We Gather at the River*, arr. by Judy Endean Bell Choir
Doxology
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.

Offering Prayer (unison)
Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May
they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love.
Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ,
our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.

WE LIVE TO SERVE

*HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* GtG #643
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BENEDICTION

The service of worship ends, the service of neighbor and world begins!

Congregational Meeting Agenda

I. Elect corporate officers:

President: Anne McNelly

Treasurer: Steve Young

Secretary: Eileen Mihm

II. Elect Elders and Deacons:

Elders Class of 2027

Kathryn Adkins, David Allshouse, Sandy Petznick

Deacons Class of 2027

Sharon Allshouse, Jane Parks McKay

Deacons Class of 2026

Dorothy Glaum

Nominating Committee Member at Large for 2025

Jane Odell

III. Housing Allowance: Pastor Anne's Housing Allowance for 2025 of \$50,000.

IV. Fraud Update from Steve Young:

Our investigation into Jennifer Tate's fraudulent activities is now complete. We've submitted an insurance claim with supporting documentation to our insurance company. We also sent a copy of this same information to the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Office so they can prepare a report for the District Attorney's Office who will file the charges they feel are necessary. This

process may take several months. The total amount of our insurance claim was \$109,000, but there are certain offsets the insurance company may make which will reduce the amount they reimburse us. Over a period of 18 months Jennifer wrote fraudulent checks, almost all to herself, for over \$85,000. Fraudulent credit card charges account for another \$15,000. She concealed her fraud by falsifying our accounting records, editing and falsifying our bank statements and falsifying internal financial reports she prepared each month. Best case, we could receive a check from the insurance company for over \$100,000. But certain of the offsets are significant and could reduce the amount we receive to around \$75,000. We have been told by the person we are working with at the insurance company that this will NOT be a long, drawn-out process. They believe we should receive a check this month.

Today's Servers

Liturgist - Sandy Petznick

Coffee Host – Michele Pomroy

Greeter & Counter- Janet Maack

Announcements

Christmas is coming and we are once again providing stockings for the younger kids at **CASA** (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and gift cards for the older ones. Would you be willing to contribute to the gift cards? These cards sure help these children feel loved and remembered this holiday season. We have 16 children this year and we give \$50.00 to each one. So every little bit helps us meet our goal. Please make your checks payable to St. Andrew Church with CASA in the memo.

Advent Book Study- On the Way to Bethlehem by Rob Fuquay. Please purchase the book online, and join us for our book study starting on Dec 1, at 1:00 on Zoom. Please read up to Rome, A Place of Longing.



Office Closed for Thanksgiving Thursday and Friday

