

**CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 26 – 10:30 A.M.**

“THE KINGDOM MISSION OF CHRIST THE KING”

***PRESERVICE MUSIC*..... “Sweet By And By”**
There’s a land that is fairer than day, And by faith we can see it afar;
For the Father waits over the way, To prepare us a dwelling place there.

**REFRAIN: In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore;
In the sweet by and by, We shall meet on that beautiful shore.**

**We shall sing on that beautiful shore, The melodious songs of the blessed;
And our spirits shall sorrow no more, Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. REFRAIN**

**To our bountiful Father above, We will offer our tribute of praise
For the glorious gift of His love, And the blessings that hallow our days. REFRAIN**

“Sweet By And By” written by Elsie Leslie Public Domain Scripture Reference: John 14:2 CCLI Song: 271924 CCLI License: 51072

“Forever”

**Give thanks to the Lord, Our God and King
His love endures forever, For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever**

**With a mighty hand, and outstretched arm
His love endures forever, For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever**

**From the rising to the setting sun, His love endures forever
By the grace of God, We will carry on
His love endures forever, Sing praise, sing praise, Sing praise, sing praise**

**Forever God is faithful, Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us, Forever, Forever**

*“Forever” written by Chris Tomlin 2001 worshiptogether.com songs Scripture Reference: Psalms 89:1-2
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WORSHIP THEME: “The Kingdom Mission of Christ the King” Matthew 25:31-46

In this passage, we are painted a picture of glorious King Jesus surrounded by His angels and seated on His throne. He divides nations of people like a shepherd divides sheep from goats. To the righteous ones on His right, He grants them their kingdom inheritance because of the way they followed in the footsteps of Christ the King in service and love to others. The ones on the left must receive eternal punishment due to their failure of living out the kingdom mission.

+ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship +

OPENING SONG..... “How Many Kings”

**Follow the star to a place unexpected, Would you believe after all we’ve projected
A child in a manger, Lowly and small the weakest of all
Unlikeliest hero wrapped in His mother’s shawl, Just a child
Is this who we’ve waited for ‘cause**

**How many kings stepped down from their thrones
How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me**

**Bringing out gifts for the newborn Savior, All that we have whether costly or meek
Because we believe, Gold for His honor and frankincense for His pleasure
And myrrh for the cross He’ll suffer, Do you believe, Is this who we’ve waited for**

**How many kings stepped down from their thrones
How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
And how many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me**

**How many kings stepped down from their thrones
How many lords have abandoned their homes
How many greats have become the least for me
How many gods have poured out their hearts
To romance a world that is torn all apart
How many fathers gave up their sons for me
Only one did that for me**

“How Many Kings” written by Jason Germain, Marc Martel © 2006 Centricity Music Publishing Scripture Reference: John 6:42, Luke 2:11-14, Phillipians 2:5-9, Titus 3:5-7 CCLI Song: 5351880 CCLI License: 51072

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Let us come to the house of the Lord with thanksgiving!

People: **The Lord is the Great King above all gods!**

Pastor: He is the Great Shepherd, and we are His sheep.

People: **We are the people of His pasture.**

OPENING PRAYER

Pastor: Our Great Shepherd, we heed Your voice and obey. We want to follow Your ways and turn from evil. By Your strength, may we do it. May You reign as King in our hearts.

People: **We are Your servants, the sheep that no one can snatch from Your hand. We love You, Father. Amen.**

TIME OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Who will inherit the Kingdom of God? In 1 Corinthians 6: 9-11, we are reminded, "Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor the drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were..." Along with the aforementioned sins, numerous others can be found in the Scriptures. The truth is, we are all infected with this disease called sin.

People: **We need a savior!**

Pastor: No one is righteous, not even one. But, God loved us so much that He made a way through Jesus Christ so that we could inherit the Kingdom of God. The verse in 1 Corinthians continues, "...But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God."

People: **Hallelujah!**

Pastor: We confess that we are sinners in desperate need of a righteous savior.

People: **King Jesus is the Savior of the world!**

Pastor: Thank You for forgiving even wretches like us.

People: **Thank You for Your Kingdom inheritance!**

+ We Hear God's Word +

**Psalm 103:1-14(ESV)(page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 939 in NIV pew Bible)
1 Corinthians 15:20-28(ESV) (page 5 in bulletin)..... (on page 1790 in NIV pew Bible)**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC“With Joyful Thanksgiving”.....by Crosstones

Matthew 25:31-46(ESV)(page 6 in bulletin) (on page 1542 in NIV pew Bible)

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen

SERMON SONG “Come To Jesus”

Weak and wounded sinner, Lost and left to die

O raise your head for Love is passing by, Come to Jesus

Come to Jesus, Come to Jesus and live

Now your burden's lifted, And carried far away

And precious blood has washed away the stain, So sing to Jesus

Sing to Jesus, Sing to Jesus and live

Like a newborn baby, Don't be afraid to crawl

And remember when you walk sometimes we fall, So fall on Jesus

Fall on Jesus, Fall on Jesus and live

Sometimes the way is lonely, And steep and filled with pain

So if your sky is dark and pours the rain, Then cry to Jesus

Cry to Jesus, Cry to Jesus and live

O and when the love spills over, And music fills the night

And when you can't contain your joy inside, Then dance for Jesus

Dance for Jesus, Dance for Jesus and live

And with your final heartbeat, Kiss the world good-bye

Then go in peace and laugh on glory's side, And fly to Jesus

Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus and live

Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus, Fly to Jesus and live

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MESSAGE..... “Count Your Blessings”....Psalm 103:1-14 by Rev. Gary Fortkamp

OFFERING SONG..... “Bless This Offering”

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring You.

May our lives do Your will, guide and guard us forever.

Give us courage to stand for truth, help us care for others.

God of Love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring You.

“Bless This Offering” Public Domain Scripture Reference: Genesis 14:20, Psalms 9:1-2 CCLI License 51072

+ We Pray +

PRAYERS

LORD’S PRAYER

+ We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper +

Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.

WE PREPARE

Pastor: Taste and see that the Lord is good! The Living Bread that came down from heaven provides for us eternal life!

People: **We receive the bread and wine with thanksgiving.**

Pastor: As we celebrate together, remember that Christ the King is the only way to the Father. May His Kingdom come, and His will be done!

People: **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG “Softly And Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling for you and for me

See on the portals He’s waiting and watching, Watching for you and for me

CHORUS

Come home come home, Ye who are weary come home

Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling, Calling O sinner come home

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, Pleading for you and for me

Why should we linger and heed not His mercies, Mercies for you and for me

Time is now fleeting the moments are passing, Passing for you and for me

Shadows are gathering death's night is coming, Coming for you and for me

O for the wonderful love He has promised, Promised for you and for me

Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon, Pardon for you and for me

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DISMISSAL BLESSING

Pastor: Let’s live on mission together and bring glory to Christ our King in all that we think, say, and do!

People: **In the name of Jesus, Amen!**
+ We Depart in Peace +

BENEDICTION

Pastor: May the peace of Christ the King rule in your hearts as you follow Him in faithful obedience. Go in peace.

People: **Amen!**

CLOSING SONG..... “From The Day”

**When You found me, I was so blind,
My sin was before me, I was swallowed by pride
But out of the darkness, You brought me to Your light
You showed me new mercy and opened up my eyes**

**From the day You saved my soul, 'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow, From the day You saved my soul**

**Where brilliant light is all around, And endless joy is the only sound
Oh, rest my heart forever now, Oh, in Your arms I'll always be found**

**From the day You saved my soul, 'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow, From the day You saved my soul**

My love is Yours, My heart is Yours, My life is Yours, Forever

My love is Yours, My heart is Yours, My life is Yours, Forever

**From the day You saved my soul, 'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow, From the day You saved my soul**

**From the day You saved my soul, 'Til the very moment when I come home
I'll sing, I'll dance, my heart will overflow, From the day You saved my soul**

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We Exit to Serve!

If this service has moved you spiritually and you have questions regarding your spiritual life, please feel free to visit with one of the Pastors after the service.