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November 24th, 2024

Reign of Christ / Proper 28

**We Gather to Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Introit** Amazing Grace Winnifred Sim

**Call to Worship** (inspired by Rev 1: 4b-8)

Grace and peace from God,

**Who always was and still is to come**

The Alpha and the Omega,

**The beginning and the end.**

Today we name the reign of Christ,

**The reign that was with us before, is with us now, and is not yet here.**

Let us worship together,

**Today and in the days ahead.**

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**Opening Prayer**

**Hymn** MV 106 I Am the Dream AVERY

**Prayer of Confession**

Dear God,

We come to you on this reign of Christ Sunday to celebrate the end of one liturgical year and the dawning of the next one.

**We admit that we have disregarded “end times” that lie ahead in our own lives and in this world.**

Despite their inevitability, we limit our focus onto accumulating material things and count this as the measure of success.

**Alpha and Omega, we forget your mysterious and majestic nature.**

You created the heavens and the earth and only you know when they began and when they will end.

**Despite our fear of endings, you, O God, remain our refuge and strength.**

Let us remember that although mountains shake, waters roar and foam, and nations are in an uproar, you are there, the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

**Help us to shift our priorities and consider the end times in all their mystery and uncertainty. For as people of God, we can rest assured that while heaven and earth will pass away, your presence will never pass away. For this we give thanks as we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.**

**Assurance of Grace**

**Sung Response** VU 652 Be Still, My Soul FINLANDIA

**The Peace of Christ**

**Sharing the Story**

**Hymn** VU 167 Christ is Risen (verse 3 – reign of Christ) KING OF KINGS

**We Hear the Word**

**Scripture Introduction**

**Scripture:** Psalm 93 (re-interpretation by James Taylor)

The Lord wears light like a royal robe;

**It dazzles those who gaze upon the Lord.**

The whole world is God’s royal throne;

**Like a sapphire, it shines in the darkness**

**of space.**

The earth has been God’s home from the beginning;

**Before time began, God was there.**

A river in flood laughs at dykes and sandbags.

**Its banks cannot contain it;**

It sweeps trees and homes along like dust.

**As thundering waters dominate a valley,**

**So God dominates this planet.**

But God is greater than any flood,

**Greater than the surf that pounds**

**a rocky shore into sand.**

For acts of God are not at random;

**God rules with justice and fairness,**

**And makes the whole earth holy.**

Hear, oh earth!

The Lord, the Lord alone, is God!

**Now and forever.**

These are the words of our faith.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture:** Revelation 1:4b-8

These are the words of our faith.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Scripture:** John 18: 33- 37

These are the stories of our faith.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem** Heaven in SongG. Nyman

**Reflection**

**Hymn** VU 210 You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

**We Respond to the Word**

**Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**: TUNE: VU 333 Love Divine (with following words)

*Love divine, all loves excelling*

*You have called us to this place.*

*As we hear Your Good Voice calling*

*We will open to Your Grace.*

*Here we lay our gifts before You.*

*Here we lift our heartfelt prayer:*

*Bless us with Your peace and mercy*

*That Your love is felt everywhere.*

**Offering Dedication**

**God, our beginning and our ending, bless us. Bless this church and its needed ministry. Bless these gifts entrusted to us as they support your church, which is granted to our care. Alpha and Omega, receive these offerings, and all the offerings we give with joy for the work of your church in the world. Amen**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn** VU 333 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Benediction**

**Postlude**Be Still My Soul arr. Greg Howlett

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