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Worship

Sunday, November 20, 2022

11:15 am

+Stand as you are able

Gathering



Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

Leader: "God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:13-14).

People: "Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything" (Colossians 1:18).

All: We worship and adore you, Christ our King

+Hymn *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* #143

Call to Confession

Leader: As we join together for worship today, we come as a people who are in need of community, of the grace that comes to us as we gather today. Let us join together as God's people to confess all that keeps us from sharing in the beauty of our community. Jesus, remember us and hear our prayers of honest confession

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, we confess the barriers we build, the self-protective numbing we conjure to distance ourselves from the pain of this world. We harden our hearts to the suffering and behave in ways far from humane. Soften us, Jesus. Humble us with the compassion you exhibit from the cross. Guide us to live open and wholehearted lives as we attend to the needs of others. Amen. *(Silent prayer of confession)*

Assurance of Pardon

"Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). Christ our King calls for our forgiveness and grants us pardon. Let us love and forgive in response to this glorious gift. Amen. *(Moment of silent prayer.)*

Response of Praise *How Majestic is Your Name* #2023 - *The Faith We Sing*

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God has forgiven us to draw us back into his love, let us live as people who live in this grace, sharing the peace of Christ with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Anthem

Hearing the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Savior God, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit's message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

Scripture Reading Jeremiah 23:1-6 23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. 2 Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. 3 Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear longer or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The Righteous Branch of David

5 The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Hymn *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart* #146

Gospel Reading Luke 23: 33-43 33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. 34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. 35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" 36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine 37 and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" 38 There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

39 One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" 40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? 41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." 42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom." 43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

Sermon *What Does This Day Mean Now?* Rev. Terry Webster

Responding to the Word

Affirmation of Faith

This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. Amen

(From the Book of Common Worship)

Offering Prayer

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the most vulnerable among us. Amen.

Response of Praise *He Is Exalted* #2070 - *The Faith We Sing*

Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Taking the Word into the World

+Song *We Gather Together* #559

+Charge and Benediction

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Scriptures for Sunday, November 27

Isaiah 2:1–5

Psalms 122

Romans 13:11–14

Matthew 24:36–44

In Our Thoughts & Prayers

Betty Murphy

Ruth Roeber

The McDermott family

Johanna Willis

The Kleier family

Jean Jennings' family

Emilee Walden

Kelly Montana

Lynda Jaeger

Kittie Dupps

Ron Carlin

Ella Grace Marksberry

Worship Services

Join us for in person services at our new location at 710 Western Reserve Rd., Crescent Springs, KY. You can also worship with us online via Facebook Live, or by joining the conference call. Worship services begin at 11:15 am.

Cornerstone Sandwiches

We will be delivering sandwiches to Cornerstone on Thursday, Dec. 1. Please drop off any prepared sandwiches to the church by Wednesday, Nov. 30.

Liturgist Sign-Up

Volunteers for liturgist are needed for November and December, except for Christmas Day.

Jie Fang Goh and Opera at CCM November 18-20, 2022

Our choir director, Jie Fang Goh, is a graduate student studying Opera Coaching at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music (CCM). He is part of CCM's upcoming production of "Dialogues of the Carmelites," which runs November 18-20. Fang said of the production, "The story and music of this opera are incredibly beautiful and moving and cast has put in wonderful effort to prepare the work. I am really grateful to be a part of the music staff for this production." This opera is based on the true story of the Carmelite Nuns, a small order that was put to death during the French Revolution. The opera will be performed in French with English subtitles. Find out more information about the "Dialogues of the Carmelites" performances and purchase tickets at <https://ccmonstage.universitytickets.com/w/event.aspx?SeriesID=91>.