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9:45 AM

***Christ the King Sunday***

***Guess Who?: A Series Investigating Key Figures of the Bible***

***Mt. Zion Bible Detectives: Uncovering the Wonders and Mysteries of the Faith***

*Thank you for worshiping with us today. If you are a guest, we invite you to take a moment to complete a visitor's card located in the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the offering plate when it is passed. We also invite you to sign your name in our guest book located in the back entrance of the sanctuary.*

*We welcome infants and children and all their wiggles & voices in our worship! For your comfort, we also have a children's corner in the back narthex where your child can relax and play and you can still participate in the worship experience. We have children's books and activity bags for them to enjoy! Additionally, after the children's message, children from 3 years old—6th grade are invited to participate in Sunday school in our classroom downstairs. They can choose to attend Sunday school or return to their seats to sit with their parents. Please see a member of the welcoming team for assistance!*

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**JOYS & CONCERNS**

**WEEKLY CLUES**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

L: We have come to worship God, the living God,

**C: Who calls prophets and teachers to bear witness.**

L: We have come to praise God, the almighty God,

**C: Who answers the forces of hatred and hurt with the power of grace.**

L: We have come to worship God, all-gracious God,

**C: Who chooses even you and me, to receive and carry the Word of life and hope. All glory to God!**

L: As we gather to praise Christ our King, I invite you to stand as comfortable to sing God's praise.

**\*OPENING HYMN NO. 277 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

## Holy, Holy, Holy

John B. Dykes, 1861


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Piano 

1. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might-y!  
2. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Saints a - dore you tru - ly,  
3. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Though we know but dim - ly,  
4. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly, God the Al - might-y!

5 

Ear - ly in the morn - ing we  
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a -  
Though the eyes of hum - an - kind your  
All your works shall praise your name in

7 

praise your maj - est - ty. Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly!  
- round the glass - y sea; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim  
glo - ry may not see, You a - lone are ho - ly,  
earth and sky and sea. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly!

11 

Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three per - sons,  
bow be - fore you on - ly, From the be - gin - ing,  
you a - lone are wor - thy, Per - fect in power, in  
Mer - ci - ful and might - y! God in three per - sons,

15 

bles - ed Trin - i - ty!  
God e - ter - nal - ly.  
love and pur - i - ty.  
bles - ed Trin - i - ty!

## **\*TIME OF CONFESSION<sup>2</sup>**

### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

L: Patient God,

**C: Surrounded by so many temptations, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world. Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention.**

**We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

### **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

P: Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint: We are all God's children, God forgives you and God forgives me and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

**C: Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.**

### **ACT OF PRAISE NO. 295 NCH (v. 1)**

*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

**ALL SING: I sing a song of the saints of God, faithful their whole lives through, who bravely labored lived and died for the God they loved and knew. And one was a doctor and one was a queen and another a shepherd in pastures green. They were saints of God if you know what I mean God help me to be one too.**

### **KID'S MESSAGE**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

*Guess Who? Scriptures*

### **MESSAGE**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 25 NCH (black hymnal—see next page)**

*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

# O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Isaac Watts, 1719

William Kroyt, 1708

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♩ = 80

Piano



1. O God, our help in a - ges past, our
2. Un - der the shad - ow of our throne your
3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or
4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are
5. Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, soon
6. O God, our help in a - ges past, our

4



hope for years to come, Our shel - ter from the  
saints have dwelt se - cure; Suf - fi - cient is your  
earth re - ceived its frame, From ev - er - last - ing  
like an eve - ning gone, Short as the watch that  
bears us all a - way; We fly for - got - ten,  
hope for years to come, Still be our God while

7



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
you are God, to end - less years the same.  
ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
as a dream fades at the o - pening day.  
trou - bles last, and our e - ter - nal home!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL:** 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**A TIME FOR SHARING**  
**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**OFFERTORY**  
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**SENDING HYMN NO. 300 NCH** (black hymnal, see below)

*Jesus Shall Reign*

# Jesus Shall Reign

Isaac Watts, 1719

John Hatton, 1793

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♩ = 80

Piano 

1. Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun
2. Through Christ shall end - less prayer be made,
3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue
4. Bless - ings a - bound where - e'er Christ reigns:
5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring

5 

does its suc - ces - sive jour - neys run;  
borne by the Spir - it's cease - less aid;  
dwell on God's love with sweet - est song,  
the pris - oners leap to lose their chains,  
trib - utes of praise for all to sing;

9 

God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
Like sweet per - fume new hymns shall rise  
And in - fant voic - es shall pro - claim  
The wea - ry find e - ter - nal rest,  
An - gels de - scend with songs a - gain,

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till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
their ear - liest prayers in Je - sus name.  
and all who suf - fer want are blessed.  
and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

**\*BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE**

**References**

<sup>1</sup>The Call to Worship was adapted from a post on the United Church of Christ's Worship Ways Archive. <http://www.ucc.org/> and accessed for use on 11/19/24.

<sup>2</sup>The Time of Confession is written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Thank you to all serving in worship this morning!

**Guest Organist:** Cody Eckenrode

**Welcome Team Members—**Deb & Terry Barnes, Tori Everhart, Carol Hartman

**Liturgist—** Stella Fletcher

**Tech Team—** Deb Herlocker, Jack Herlocker