



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS **Reverend Cheryl Montgomery**
PRELUDE Benjamin Watkins, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 100) Elder Alejandra Haddad, liturgist

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

Liturgist: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Liturgist: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

People: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

***Opening Hymn** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* #220



PASSING OF THE PEACE (liturgist & congregation)

Liturgist: Called to live as children of light, let us build one another up as we share signs of peace, and words of love. Let us share signs of Christ's peace: The Peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

MUSIC for MEDITATION Members of UPC Quartet

Call to Confession

Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out the scattered sheep, so I will seek out my people." Trusting that God is indeed seeking us, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER of CONFESSION (In Unison with Liturgist)

Shepherding God, you have called to us, but we have not answered. You have sought us out, but we have continued to wander. You have tenderly gathered us together and cared for us, but we have not extended that same care and mercy to others. Forgive us. Remind us. Teach us. Set us free from sin that we might turn toward your love and justice for the whole world. Guide us so that, tentative step after tentative step, we may walk your way. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Liturgist: Thus says the Lord our God: "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak." The relentless grace of Jesus Christ always finds and forgives us.

People: Thanks be to God!



Ezekiel 34:11-24 (Pew Bible p.662; Large Print p.1280) – Liturgist
Ephesians 1:15-23 (Pew Bible p.890; Large Print p.1798) – Liturgist

Matthew 25: 31-46 (Pew Bible p.759; Large Print p.1530) – Pastor

Pastor: The word of the Lord **People: Thanks be to God**

SERMON *Christ the King* Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH— The Apostle’s Creed (traditional) led by Rev. Montgomery
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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Gloria Patri.*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and THE LORD’S PRAYER

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.

CALL TO OFFERING

Offertory

**Doxology*

#592

Prayer of Dedication – Rev. Cheryl Montgomery

***Closing Hymn** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* #155

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Reverend Cheryl Montgomery

POSTLUDE

Dr. Benjamin Watkins, piano

*Please stand if you are able

UPC Prayer List - Email requests to: upcbloomington@gmail.com.

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Roby Lorimer Patty Lucas

His Eyes Mission in Honduras led by the Colby's

Nyaka AIDS Orphans Project in Uganda led by Jackson Kaguri

Our military men and women around the world

The people of Ukraine The people of the Middle East

Our military men and women stationed around the world

The faculty and staff of Monroe County United Ministries

Hanover College, Rev. Catherine Knott, Chaplain, is a residential liberal arts college with both



graduate and undergraduate students, affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). So much has happened in these last few years, as the isolation and illness associated with the pandemic can take a toll on young lives, particularly pertaining to mental health and well-being. We pray for the healing and shalom of our students, faculty, and staff, and also give thanks for the new graduate programs in physical therapy and veterinarian medicine that we have recently begun or are in the process of building. We strive to be an

inclusive and caring community on our campus and ask for strength and wisdom to work through this as we pick up the pieces from these past few years of challenge.



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