

## Lord's Day Worship

August 7, 2022

\*(Asterisk) indicates *Please stand as you are able.*

### PRAISE

- \* Call to Worship Psalm 148:1
- \* Opening Hymn *"Praise the Lord! O Heavens, Adore Him"*

### RENEWAL

- \* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Mighty God, the forces that are arrayed against us in this life far outmatch our little strength. We do not wrestle against flesh and blood but against powerful spiritual forces in the heavenly realms. Our enemy is strong and crafty, and when we try to stand against him in our own strength we always fail. Father, we confess that we often trust in our own wisdom and strength, as if we were mighty and self-sufficient. Forgive us, and help us to trust in the victory of Christ, who has defeated every power that could separate us from you, so that we will surely share in your ultimate victory.** (silent prayer)

- \* Assurance of Pardon Romans 8:1-2  
There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.  
**Thanks be to God!**

- \* Song *"All I Have is Christ"*

Pastoral Prayer & 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.**

Offering

*Doxology*

### THE WORD OF GOD

- New Testament Reading 2 Timothy 1:8-12
- \* Psalter Hymn *"May Your Prayer Be Heard Above"* (Psalm 20)
- Psalter Reading Psalm 20
- Sermon "God Save the King!"

### COMMITMENT

- \*Affirmation of Faith Q. 1 Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**That I belong – body and soul, in life and in death – not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

- \* Closing Song *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

The Lord's Supper

- \*Hymn *"The Solid Rock"*

- \* Benediction

- \* Dismissal

Church, where are you going?

**We go forth to serve God's world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**

Glory to God!

## Jesus Is King!

There is someone at the center of all things. There is someone who rules over the universe. There is someone who defines what pure love, power, wisdom, righteousness, and grace looks like. There is someone that is sovereign over the forces of nature and the events of human history. There is someone who authors the story of every human being that has ever lived. There is someone worthy of all glory and honor and praise. There is someone at the center, and it is not us.

The story of the universe will never be about us because we have been born into a world that, by its fundamental nature, points to One who is infinitely greater than us. The Bible is very clear about who is at the center:

*You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.* – Psalm 2:7-8

*For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom endures from generation to generation; all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, "What have you done?"* – Daniel 4:34-35

*For by him (Jesus Christ) all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.* – Colossians 1:16-17

We want life to work according to our will and plans. Our desire to be at the center never goes anywhere good, personally or relationally. Self-centeredness is at the core of sin's dysfunction, another powerful evidence of our need for the rescuing grace of King Jesus.

Pastor Phil Moran



# CHRIST

## PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

“...so that Jesus Christ might come to have first place in everything.” Colossians 1:18 (b) NRSV

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August 7, 2022 | Rev. Phil Moran  
“God Save the King!”  
Psalm 20

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