



TUPC VISION STATEMENT

*We are a diverse community of disciples of Jesus Christ **GROWING** together. With the always present power of the Holy Spirit, we share our lives, care for one another, worship, pray, study God's word, and serve both inside and outside the walls of the church. We invite you to come and **GROW** with us.*

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22nd, 2020

Interim Pastor – Rev. Lindsey Carnes

Liturgist – Kathy Henderson

Accompanist — Merle Lobban



GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God, send your light and your truth as we gather to worship.

May they lead us to your holy presence.

Let us bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise will always be on our lips.

Magnify the Lord in all ways;

We will lift up God's name together in worship and in service.

Prayer of Praise and Adoration

Creator, Christ, and Spirit: God of life and blessing, you created all that exists. In Christ, you offer your redeeming love to every soul in every situation. So it is our greatest joy to be united by your Spirit in the community of your people, stretching throughout the generations, all around the world you love. We join our thanks and praise to the voices of all your saints, both in heaven and on earth, who worship and adore you.

Opening Hymn PH #332 *Live into Hope*

1 Live into hope of captives freed,
Of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
The year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope the blind shall see
With insight and with clarity,
Removing shades of pride and fear--
A vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty,
The right to speak the right to be,
The right to have one's daily bread,
To hear God's word and thus be fed.

4 Live into hope of captives freed
From chains of fear or want or greed.
God now proclaims our full release
To faith and hope and joy and peace.

Call to Confession

We know how easy it is to do exactly the opposite of what we learn from our Teacher, Jesus. So, let us draw near to our God, for in confessing our failures, we will discover the grace and mercy God has in store for us. Join me as we pray, saying,

Prayer of Confession

Healing God, we confess that we live in unhealthy ways. We put our own desires above the needs of others in the world, even above our own needs. We consume more resources than we need; we save up enough for ourselves into the future but fail to see the daily hunger and homelessness around us. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and help us to seek You in our daily lives, so that we might serve You in the world around us, every moment, and love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into restoration, we pray. Amen.*SILENCE IS KEPT*

Assurance of Pardon

This is the good news: God hears you, God forgives you, God is with you as you journey into that land called Promise. You are not broken, not to the point that you cannot be made whole. God works through all of us, and God is working in you, to bring healing and wholeness. Restoration is always possible. Renewal is always possible. Forgiveness is always available. Love always is present. Live with this Good News.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Open our ears to hear your word.

Open our eyes to see your presence.

Open our arms to the embrace of community.

Open our minds to the beauty of truth.

Open our hearts to the joy of new life.

Reading of Scripture Matthew 5:1–12 The Beatitudes

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness 'sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

One: *The Word of the Lord*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Count Your Blessings"

Affirmation of Faith (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Modern English)

Q107. What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

The conclusion of the Lord's prayer ("for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever") teaches us to be encouraged only by God in our prayers and to praise Him by acknowledging that kingdom, power, and glory are His. To show that we want to be heard and have confidence that we are, we say "Amen."

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Hymn PH #276 ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

1 Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Great is Thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;

All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;

Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. (Chorus)

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Chorus)

Minute for Mission Food Bank of Eastern Michigan

Introduction to the Offering

In gratitude for all the blessings the Lord continues to pour into our lives, we receive this morning's offering.
AMEN.

Offertory Prayer (Psalm 105)

We offer our gifts in gratitude, Holy One, for all your blessings in our lives. Use them to touch the lives of all who stand on the edge of hope, of peace, of community that they might step into these promises of yours with confidence. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Glory be to God for autumn things!
For the green world changing color;
golden, crimson, amber, rust.
For baskets of glorious apples:
delicious, ambrosia, russet, spy.
For the grain tumbling out of the combine,
the pumpkins filling the field,
for round bales of hay weighing down wagons.
And then the crisp fall breezes bringing clouds
heavy with rain, hinting of snows to come.
We come with thanksgiving for the rich blessing of the harvest,
and the work of the farmers who produced it.

God, this is a year where we take nothing for granted;
thank you for food on the table, secure food supply lines
and stable governments, for universal health-care
and a medical system that mostly works.
In this pandemic year, life has been hard for everyone,
but for some it's harder than others.

We lift prayers for people who are grieving;
grieving the loss of loved ones, or the loss of jobs or businesses,
the loss of freedom to be with family or to travel.
We pray for health and an end to this pandemic.

God, we pray for a vaccine! We need it soon,
we need it for everyone, and we need it to work.
In the meantime, help us look carefully at who we are.

We thank you for the freedom we have to choose our government.
Guide our leaders who are making big decisions,
decisions that will have implications for generations.
As a community of faith, we put our trust in you.
You oversaw the ice ages, and the great move of continental plates.
Creatures came and went with time, known only by you.

Who are we, for you to notice us?
And yet, you hear our prayer. Your love is all around us.
Creation pours forth beauty every day.
You sent a Savior with a special delivery salvation message,
and a Spirit who breathes hope into us even in times like these.
In the power of the Spirit, and in the name of Jesus,
our community praises you, now and always. Amen

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn PH #455 All Creatures of Our God and King (v.1,4,6)

1 All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 Thou fertile earth, that day by day
Unfoldest blessings on your way,
O, sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in ye grow,
Let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him, O praise Him,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Charge and Benediction

Blessed are you; your reward is great in heaven. The greatest will become servants; the humble will be exalted.

The Passing of Christ's Peace

One: Having met Christ in this house, let us now share his peace: the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

All: **And also with you!**

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