

## GOD'S PEOPLE GATHER

November 21, 2021  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*No one has ever become poor by giving.* ~Anne Frank

### PRELUDE

*Morning Has Broken*

arr. David Budmen  
Susan Buffington, piano

### WELCOME AND LIFE IN THE CHURCH

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### INTROIT

*Come, Let us Gather*, Traditional Joyful Noise/Adult Choir

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Everyone who serves God come and offer thanks!

**All: Thank you God for your love to me,**

One: Everyone who has gathered in this place, lift your hands and praise God.

**All: Thank you God for your love in this place,**

One: Shout praises to God for you are God's servants, so shout praises.

**All: Thank you God for your love to others,**

One: All who serve in this place, who serve our God, come and shout praises!

**All: Thank you God for your love that we can share,**

One: Praise the name of our God who is kind and good.

**All: Thank you God for your love endures forever.**

### OPENING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: I Timothy 6:17-19

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

**O God, who sent gifts of the Holy Spirit to those first saints, we know you continue to send gifts to us, even though we do not always claim them. We confess that we have not always opened our gifts. We have often chosen to keep them packed away or buried. Move us, by your Spirit, to pick up our presents that you so**

**freely give, to open them and to spend them lavishly on the stewardship of your world. We confess to you how often our thoughts and motives are confused. We think money can secure our happiness and safety. We forget *the life that is truly life is in you*. Break in on our confusion, and astonish us anew, O God! Remind us that in generosity we receive, in joyful giving we are unburdened. Forgive us our shortcomings and renew us to your priorities once again.**

*(A time of silent confession)*

*Amen.*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

One: Lord, you forgive us, even when we lose sight of what's important. You embrace us, even when we have failed to live out your will.

**All: God is generous in love, abundant in joy, steadfast in God's care for us. We are forgiven, thanks be to God!**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: Hear the teaching of Christ: A new command I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

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

*(As we pass the peace, let us not shake hands, but instead use other peaceful gestures.)*

## HEARING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. Anna Laura Page  
Adult Choir

### A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“The Life That is Truly Life”

Pastor Abbie Huff

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

Francis Jackson

Adult Choir

PRESENTING OF OUR GIFTS

SHARING JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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 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.**

GOING OUT INTO THE WORLD

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION *All Things Bright and Beautiful* arr. Martin Fallas Shaw

Joyful Noise/Adult Choir

POSTLUDE *Praise Ye the Lord*, traditional French hymn Susan Buffington, piano