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SERVICE OF WORSHIP • REIGN OF CHRIST

November 21, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

WE BECOME AWARE OF GOD'S PRESENCE

Call to Worship

One: Grace to you and peace from the one who is
and who was and who is to come.

Many: **Grace to you and peace from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness,
The firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.**

One: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts.

All: **The whole earth is full of God's glory!
So let us worship God!**

Hymn (#265)

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD'S GRACE

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

We dare to call you Lord,

but yield to you only fragments of our lives.

You had nowhere to lay your head,

but we surround ourselves with comfort.

We expect to serve you with what remains

after we have indulged our desires.

Forgive our greed, our lack of trust,

our desire to pick the times and places we will respond to our call.

In your abundant mercy teach us what it means to follow,
even at the cost of our lives. (Silence)

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: Beloved of God, the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to
everlasting.

Many: **It cannot be contained but must be poured out.**

Responsive Prayer of Dedication

- One: Holy God, the psalmist declares that in your realm
all the poor are satisfied with bread.
- Many: **Plant that promise firmly in our hearts,
that we might be agents of your covenant love.**
- One: Use these gifts and shape our desire until hunger is no more.
- Many: **Use our commitments and our very lives
to share your love and grace.**
- One: For Jesus taught us to seek our neighbor's daily bread.
- All: **So we pray by the power of his name. Amen.**

WE DEPART TO SERVE

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude**

***Please rise in body or spirit.**

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms, of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 thron - g to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing, sac - ri - fice,
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5-19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.



Advent is a season of preparation. We are preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. We are preparing our world for the return of Christ, the King. And we are preparing our sanctuary for the celebration of Advent and Christmas. This year, you have the opportunity once more to contribute **poinsettias** as we prepare our sanctuary for the season.

We are asking for a **\$10.00** donation to help cover the cost of the plants which have already been ordered, so please return the form below
by **Sunday, December 12.**

If you choose to honor someone, please fill in the following, include your check, and either place the form in the offering plate or leave it in the church office:

I am donating a Poinsettia in **memory** of _____

given by _____

Or:

I am donating a Poinsettia in **honor** of _____

given by _____

Or simply:

Given by _____

We will recognize all memorials and honorees in worship bulletins starting December 19. Plants will remain in the sanctuary after December 25 to celebrate the Christmas season or will be delivered to nursing homes.