

We are an imperfect community striving to live into the beautiful story of God in our wonderful yet broken city. We invite you to join us as we seek God's glory and neighbor's good together!

WORSHIP NOTES:

- Welcome! If you would like to find out more about our community or speak with one of the pastors, text WELCOME to 773.645.9335 or email Pastor Aaron (aaron@rescov.org). We'd love to connect with you.
- Children are welcomed and encouraged to join us in the worship service. We provide a nursery for infants (unstaffed) on the main floor and childcare for toddlers in the basement for the duration of worship.
 - Pre-K-2nd Grade Activities: Following the Passing of the Peace, pre-school through 2nd-grade-aged children are invited to line up in the Narthex for class lasting until communion.
- "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd" was written by Canadian United Church minister Sylvia Dunstan. Serving as a prison chaplain, Dunstan wrote it on a commuter bus heading home from the prison after "a particularly bad day." It explores how the many paradoxes of Christ's reign—the one who is both lowly and exalted, prince and slave, peacemaker and sword-bringer. It reminds us that the reign of Christ as King is a radically different reign and a radically different kingship.
- "Be Thou My Vision" is a hymn text dating from at least the eighth century that takes its inspiration from the story of St. Patrick defying the High King Logaire of Tara. The king declared that no one was to light any fires before the pagan spring festival, when a ceremonial fire would be lit on Tara Hill. Defying the orders, St. Patrick lit the ritual fire for the Easter Vigil, declaring his allegiance to the High King of heaven rather than any earthly king.

Reign of Christ the King (often called either Reign of Christ or Christ the King) is the last Sunday in the liturgical year and celebrates the Lordship of Christ over all creation. The lectionary texts often juxtapose Christ's rule of love, mercy, and justice with the empire's rule of absolute power. The feast day was started by Pope Pius XI in 1925 as a response to the rise of Fascism, modernism, and communism, which the pope saw as vying for the allegiance of Christians around the world.

Aaron Johnson, Dave Bjorlin, Jen Gillan, and
Kyle Mecher serve as our pastors.



GATHERING

Call to Worship*

Out of the depths we cry to you, O LORD.

LORD, hear our voice!

Our souls wait for the LORD
more than those who watch for the morning.

LORD, hear our voice!

We put our hope in the LORD's steadfast love
and power to redeem.

LORD, hear our voice!

Come and worship our Shepherd King!

Songs of Faith and Praise*

Come Light Our Hearts

All the Poor and Powerless

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and gracious God,
who sent your Son Jesus Christ
to show us the way of your reign,
we confess we do not follow his example.
Your rule is humble;
we crave power.
Your rule is peaceful;
we create violence.
Your rule is generous;
we cling to things.
Your rule is mercy;
we seek revenge.
Set us free from our sins, O God,
and empower us by your Spirit
to live in the way of the risen Lord
until he comes again to rule in love.**

~silent confession~

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Passing of the Peace*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Song*

You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Canticle

Luke 1:68-79 - *O Promised One of Israel (#124)*

Gospel Lesson*

Luke 23:33-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Rejecting the Spectacular Jesus

Pastor Aaron

RESPONSE

Hymn*

Be Thou My Vision (#412)

Prayers of the People

Lord's prayer (*debts, debtors*)

Offering

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Holy Communion

SENDING

Life Together

Charge & Benediction*

*Stand, as you are able