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# God's People Gather for Worship

November 22, 2020

9:00 AM

By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-drive passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

"Prelude on Kremser"

Craig Phillips

Ms. Faye Kesler, organ

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

*Leader: Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

**All: Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.**

*Leader: Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us and we are his;*

**All: We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.*

**All: For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

Hymn No. 45

"Crown Him With Many Crowns"

DIADEMATA

Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love!  
Behold His hands and side—  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!

Four Thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Thro'-out eternity.

Crown Him the Lord of life!  
Who triumphed o'er the grave;  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing,  
Who died and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n!  
One with the Father known,  
One with the Spirit thro' Him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne.  
To Thee be endless praise,  
For Thou for us hast died.  
Be Thou, O Lord, thro' endless days  
Adored and magnified!

## **Affirming Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn No. 788

"Now Thank We All Our God"  
NUN DANKET

Now thank we all our God,  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,

In whom His world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore.

## Offering Our Gifts and Thanks

Welcome and Announcements

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Crown Him Lord of All"

*arr. Marty Parks*

Chancel Choir

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Ms. Grace Garnett, piano

Ms. Annalysa Cagasan, violin

## Hearing God's Word

Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

ALL: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"From God and to God"

Dr. Jonathan Schwartz

## Presenting Our Pledges

### Prayer of Thanks

Gracious God, everything we have comes from you. You fill us with good things. Our hearts and lives overflow with your abundance. And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we now bring to you our pledges. Use these gifts that you have given us to feed others as we have been fed, to serve others as we have been served, and to bless others as we have been blessed, for the sake of him who gave himself for us--Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn No. 375

"Jesus Shall Reign"

DUKE STREET

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His Name.

Let every creature rise and bring  
His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

### Commissioning and Benediction

Postlude

"God of Grace"

*Paul Manz*

Ms. Faye Kesler, organ



## Today's Scripture

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### 1 Chronicles 29:1-20 NIV

<sup>1</sup> Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

<sup>3</sup> Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: <sup>4</sup> three thousand talents of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, <sup>5</sup> for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

<sup>6</sup> Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's work gave willingly. <sup>7</sup> They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents of iron. <sup>8</sup> Any who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite.

<sup>9</sup> The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

<sup>11</sup> Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

<sup>12</sup> Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things.

In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name.

<sup>14</sup> "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

<sup>15</sup> We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with

*integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. <sup>18</sup> O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. <sup>19</sup> And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided."*

*<sup>20</sup> Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.*

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