

Emmaus Campus Ministry
Order of Worship for Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2020

Welcome and Invocation

Opening Hymn - "Be Thou My Vision"

Litany

L: Come and seek together the Kingdom of God.

C: Welcome the stranger.

L: Redistribute resources.

C: Tend needs and practice mutual care.

L: Abolish all that imprisons.

C: This is the way of Christ.

L: Let the old ways be left behind.

C: Love has come to free us.

Hymn of Praise: Canticle of the Sun

Prayer of the Day

1st Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

11 For thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. 13 I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. 14 I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. 16 I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

20 Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, 22 I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. 24 And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

Psalms 95:1-7a

1 O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. 4 In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. 5 The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed. 6 O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! 7 For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Gospel Acclamation - Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

31 "When the Son of Humankind comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. 32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, 33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. 34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; 35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' 37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? 38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? 39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' 40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' 41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; 42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, 43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' 45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Kids' Time

Message

Hymn of the Day - Lead me Lord

Offering

Prayers of the People

Joining with all of God's people, those who came before us and those who will come after us, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of Creation. Each prayer petition ends with "Lord in Your mercy" and we invite you to respond, "hear our prayer"

Uniting One, we are grateful for communities of faith that come together to worship and work together in your name. We pray for churches, campus ministries, small groups, and online communities, that they may experience your abundant love and playful creativity at work, even when we cannot be face to face. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Holy One, we pray for those who feel powerless, for those whose voices have been silenced and whose lives have been overlooked. Move us to compassion and to action that uplifts the vulnerable and sustains those in need. Reassure us with your presence among us. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Creating One, hear the cries of the earth and all of its creatures who suffer because of human actions and human negligence. Restore what has been destroyed and move us toward kinship with all that You have made. Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Comforting One, grant peace to all those who have felt the devastating effects of COVID-19. Heal the sick, hold the dying, and bring peace to the grieving. Inspire local, state, and national leaders to act in ways that protect lives and livelihoods. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

O God, we pray for all these things and for anything else that you see that we need, trusting that you hear our prayers, spoken or unspoken. Amen.

The Immigrant Apostles' Creed:

The Immigrant Apostles' Creed was written by Rev. Jose Luis Casal, the director of Presbyterian World Mission. He is an immigrant to the USA from Cuba. We invite you to join us in this confession of our faith using these words.

I believe in Almighty God,
who guided the people in exile and in exodus,
the God of Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon,
the God of foreigners and immigrants.

I believe in Jesus Christ, a displaced Galilean,
who was born away from his people and his home, who fled
his country with his parents when his life was in danger.
When he returned to his own country
he suffered under the oppression of Pontius Pilate,
the servant of a foreign power.
Jesus was persecuted, beaten, tortured, and unjustly condemned to death.
But on the third day Jesus rose from the dead,
not as a scorned foreigner but to offer us citizenship in God's kingdom.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the eternal immigrant from God's kingdom among us,
who speaks all languages, lives in all countries,
and reunites all races.
I believe that the Church is the secure home
for foreigners and for all believers.
I believe that the communion of saints begins
when we embrace all God's people in all their diversity.
I believe in forgiveness, which makes us all equal before God,
and in reconciliation, which heals our brokenness.
I believe that in the Resurrection
God will unite us as one people
in which all are distinct and all are alike at the same time.
I believe in life eternal, in which no one will be foreigner
but all will be citizens of the kingdom
where God reigns forever and ever. Amen.

Sending Hymn – God of Day and God of Darkness

Blessing

Postlude – Emmaus Campus Ministry Slideshow

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