

Christ the King

Sunday, November 21, 2021

(* indicates the assembly stands

** indicates singing is encouraged)

Gathering

Prelude "March on Lift Up Your Heads Part One" A. Guilmant

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Hymn 855** "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Children's Message

*Greeting

*This is the Feast p. 149

*Prayer of the Day

Solo "Andante from Sonata #2" J.S. Bach

Word

First Reading 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalms 132:1-12, 13-18 (said antiphonally by full verse)

Second Reading Revelation 1:4b-8

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 151

*Gospel Reading John 18:33-37

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 431 "O Christ, What Can it Mean For Us"

(said antiphonally by full verse)

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Hear our prayer.**

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 181** "Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer

*Great Thanksgiving	p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table I	p. 130
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father in heaven...</i>)	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymns 468, 432	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
Sending	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 435**	<i>"Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending"</i>
*Dismissal	A: Thanks be to God.
Postlude	<i>"March on Lift Up Your Heads Part Two" A. Guilmant</i>

Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love.

Welcome to worship this morning, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

Leading Worship Today

Minister and violinist: Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

Assisting Minister: Linda McLellan

Diaconal Minister of Music : Deacon Scott Knarr

Choral Scholar: Dylan Siebert

Radio Operator: Andrew Weber

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Susan, Marie, Walter, Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

Guides to Worship today are sponsored by the Ernst family and Betty Bowman, in loving memory of Cecil and Lily Gardner.

Music note: Alexandre Guilmant (1837-1911) was a French organist, composer and professor of organ at the Paris Conservatory. The musical theme is based on the opening motif of "Lift Up Your Heads" which is a chorus from "The Messiah".

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** You may use the basement coat racks, but please use the Church Street side staircase to descend back down (follow the arrows). Please still exit via the left (Charles St.) staircase and doors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.

- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.
- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Our building is now open for worship again! Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us. Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked.

Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

Annual Budget Meeting will be held in-person (only) after worship on Sunday, December 5th. All members should attend if possible.

Need to use the lift? The lift is usable at this time for those who need it to better access the Sanctuary main level. I personally contacted all lift users I was aware of, but just to clarify: the Church Street door is locked on Sunday mornings. If you know you are coming ahead of time, you can send the office (emails not checked on weekends) or pastors an email heads-up, or call the pastors to let them know to expect you.

If you decide Sunday morning to come to church, you can pull up to the basement tower door and alert the usher to the fact that you will need the lift. They will then let the building monitor know to greet you and help you enter. You can do your screening and contact tracing directly yourself by signing yourself in at the "Lift Contact Screening Binder" (you do not need to go to the coat rack area), and then use the lift.

You can see a visual of the binder's location at the 4:50 minute mark of the Re-opening video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgYNZeeWymw&t=118s> (via our website). If you have any questions, please let me know! Pastor Sebastian.

