



*Turning Toward the Future -  
Consecration Sunday 2016*

**November 20, 2016**

*Christ the King*

## **Celebration of Worship**

\* If you are able, please stand.

### **Prelude**

Now Thank We All Our God

The Ringers on the Green

arr. Martha Lynn Thompson

\* **Call to Worship** (*responsively*)

The Rev. Dr. David Smazik

Leader: Be joyful—everybody—gladly serve the good.  
Rejoice in the gift of life.

**All: Highest above, deepest within,  
Around us in nature, present in each.  
We are yours, You are ours.  
We enter your presence with Thanksgiving,  
With chants and songs,  
With grateful hearts and open hands,  
And know a flash of eternity.**

\* **Hymn 267**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*Madrid*

### **Confession and Pardon**

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Gracious God, it is a temptation to which we fall prey rather easily to focus on the negative and to see all that is wrong in our world. We lament without owning our complicity. We condemn and forget to confess. We pray for your kingdom to come, but all too often wait for some magic to make it happen. Give us ears that hear how you would have us engage in your kingdom work. Give us hearts that move beyond

tears to do the work of healing and wholeness. Give us wisdom and humility. By the power of your Spirit, give us eyes to see your work in the world, and may we count our blessings, one of which is grace, our most cherished gift. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**Kyrie: Hymn 578**

Kyrie Eleison

*Oré Poriájú Verekó*

## Silent Prayer

### Assurance of Pardon (*responsively*)

Leader: The Good News to us is that our sins are forgiven.

**People: We are God's children, members of one body.**

Leader: We have been brought into new life.

**People: Our sins are forgiven.**

**\* Response: Hymn 581**

Glory Be to the Father

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**\* Passing of the Peace**

## A Time for Young Christians

Alexandra Mead

### Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

The Rev. Sarah Green

**Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### First Scripture Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

(Old Testament, page 678)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Anthem

Dream On, Dream On

arr. Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

Bel Melodia, Bel Canto, Tower and Chancel Choirs

Combined Ringers on the Green and Chancel Ringers Ensemble

*Dream on, dream on, children of peace, till on earth God's kingdom come. Wolf and lamb will feed together, lions like oxen will eat straw. Dust shall be the serpents' food; no one shall destroy or hurt. Children of earth, in all colors, live in peace and harmony. Hope on, hope on, Easter people, beyond the cross a dawning sun.*

*Christ, our peace, broke down all barriers: nation, culture, tribe, and clan. Reconciling us to God, Christ made us one human race, joined in peace and liberation, led by justice, hope and love. Mount up, mount up, like an eagle, to the heights, beyond the clouds. Strife and sorrow shall not stop you; pain and tears shall lose their power. Even though the young may stumble, God the Lord renews their strength.*

*They shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and shall not faint.*

**Second Scripture Reading:** Acts 1:1-8 (New Testament, page 110)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** “And You Will Be My Witnesses” Rev. Robin Miller Curras

\* **Hymn 367** Come, Ye Thankful People, Come *St. George’s Windsor*

### **Greeting/Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God**

*(Please sign and pass the friendship pad, found in the pew, to the person next to you. Offering envelopes and prayer request cards are located in the pew pockets for your convenience. Prayer cards will be collected with the offering. Donations may be made online through our website.)*

### **Offertory**

For All That Is

arr. Taylor Davis (b. 1980)

The Chancel Choir

John Alessio, violin

*The peaceful stream, the dancing leaf, the breeze that rollicks in the grain, the warmth of sun, the towering wave, the cool refreshment of the rain; We thank you, O God. We catch our breath at your glory, we fall on our knees in adoration. We thank you, O God. The touch of grace, the hint of heaven, the healing balm that eases pain, the broken bread, the saving cup, the sacrament we can’t explain.*

*The birthing breath, the dying sigh, the holy cycle you ordain.*

*For every second, for every instant, we give you thanks, O God.*

\* **Doxology (Hymn 606)** *Old Hundredth*

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

\* **Prayer of Dedication**

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **The Lord’s Prayer** (*unison*)

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## Consecration of our Promises for the Future

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

The Chancel Choir

*Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy, never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise. Teach my some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love. Here I raise my Ebenezer, hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Prone to wander Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above. O to grace, how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

\* Hymn 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

*Darvall's 148th*

\* Benediction

### Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C Major, BuxWV 137

Dieterich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

Kevin Graf, organ

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PARTICIPATING in the service today are the Reverends Dr. David Smazik, Sarah Green and Robin Miller Curras; Alexandra Mead, Director of Christian Education; Matthew Webb, Director of Music; Julie Ramseyer, Director of Children's Music; Kevin Graf, Organ Scholar; the Ringers on the Green; the Bel Melodia, Bel Canto, Tower, and Chancel Choirs; the Combined Ringers on the Green and Chancel Ringers Ensemble. The acolytes are Caleigh Lawlor and Danielle Redgate.

GREETING YOU this morning are Mark DeMos, Sue Grassmyer, and Nan and Vern Verhoef.

USHERS: Bob Davies, head usher, Frank Gaden, Rob Heinink, Marilynn Hummer, Barbara Parke, and Richard Parke.

Thank you to our Sound Team that faithfully works every Sunday.

For Fellowship, come to the Parish House for a complementary brunch!

**OPEN MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** *For a full schedule of meetings, go to our website.*

**Sunday, Nov 20 - Consecration Sunday  
Thanksgiving Festival Sunday**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 10:00 a.m. Worship
- 11:15 a.m. Consecration Sunday Brunch  
(Parish House)

**Monday, Nov 21**

- 1:30 p.m. Circle 12

**Tuesday, Nov 22**

- 8:00 a.m. Small Group (D. Lisco)
- 10:00 a.m. Tai Chi
- 7:30 p.m. Chancel Choir rehearsal

**Wednesday, Nov 23**

**Office closes at noon, NS closes at noon,  
no Midweek, Middle or High School Youth  
Group meetings.**

Please note: No Bible study or chapel this  
Wednesday.

**Thursday, Nov 24 Thanksgiving Day**

Office and NS closed

**Friday, Nov 25**

Office and NS closed for Thanksgiving Holiday

**Saturday, Nov 26**

Office and NS closed

**Sunday, Nov 27**

- 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion (Chapel)
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Seminar
- 8:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 8:45 a.m. Advent Study group
- 10:00 a.m. Worship

*Turning Toward the Future*

Consecration Sunday Complementary Brunch,  
**today** after the service at the Parish House.

Join together in celebration for our many blessings!

# WELCOME

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We are a historic church, part of a historic denomination, and we celebrate this history while exploring ways to bring passion and freshness to our worship and congregational life. Join us as we seek to discover Fresh Traditional ways to **proclaim, gather, and nurture**, all toward continuing Jesus Christ's earthly ministry of building God's Kingdom.

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**Visitor's Information brochures are in the stands at the entrances to assist you in finding your way around our campus.**

## Visiting with Children?

- **Activity materials** for young worshipers are in the drawers of the literature chests in both vestibules.
- **Infant and child care** is provided during the service in Howard House, the building to the right of the sanctuary.
- **Restrooms:** Please accompany children (under age 10) to the restrooms. (Located through the left door by the bell tables.)

## Special Needs?

- **Feel free to ask** ushers and greeters for assistance if you have any questions or special needs. **Large print bulletins and hearing assistance devices** are available from the ushers in the narthex at the back of the church.

## Please come again

- **Sunday Worship Schedule:**
  - 7:45 a.m. Worship with Communion
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary
- **Wednesday Morning Bible Study, 10:30 a.m., in the Choir Room**
- **Wednesday Worship Service at Noon in the Chapel**



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