



Seventh & James Baptist Church
November 20, 2022 · 11:00 a.m.
The Reign of Christ

Prayer of Thanksgiving Jim Kennedy

Old Testament Reading *Jeremiah 23:1-6* Donna Kennedy

Epistle Reading *Colossians 1:11-20* Chloe Smith

Hymn, No. 424 “At the Name of Jesus”

Gospel Reading *Luke 23:33-43* Matt Rosencrans
One: This is the Word of the Lord.
Many: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of God’s People Matt Rosencrans

Offertory “Blessed Assurance”
Tommy Edds, *piano*

Offering plates are available at the doors of the sanctuary as you leave worship.

Doxology, No. 707

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.

Children’s Sermon Leslie Rosencrans

*All children are invited to come forward for the Children’s Sermon.
Preschoolers [ages 4-kindergarten] may then go to Extended Session.*

Responsive Reading of Psalm 46 Scott Turner

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

One: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

Many: God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.

One: The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

Many: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

One: Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

Many: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.

One: “Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth.”

All: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Sermon

“Don’t Make Me Come Down There!”
(Jeremiah 23:1-6)

Erin Conaway

Silent Reflection

How terribly, then, have the theologians misrepresented God! Nearly all of them represent him as a great King on a grand throne, thinking how grand he is, and making it the business of his being and the end of his universe to keep up his glory, wielding the bolts of a Jupiter against them that take his name in vain. They would not allow this, but follow out what they say, and it comes much to this. Brothers, have you found our king? There he is, kissing little children and saying they are like God. There he is at table with the head of a fisherman lying on his bosom, and somewhat heavy at heart that even he, the beloved disciple, cannot yet understand him well. The simplest peasant who loves his children and his sheep were — no, not a truer, for the other is false, but — a true type of our God beside that monstrosity of a monarch.

— George MacDonald, *Creation in Christ*

Hymn of Commitment, No. 158

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*If you would like to make a public profession of your faith in Christ
or request membership in this congregation, our ministers
will greet you at the front of the sanctuary.*

Congregational Response

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place; we offer you our love, our care, our kinship, and our hopes; we hope to learn from you, give to you, and receive from you, by God's grace. Amen.

Pastoral Blessing

Erin Conaway

Anthem

“My Eternal King”

Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby,
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.
Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nail, and spear, and manifold disgrace;
Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, not seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!
E'en so I love Thee and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, And my Eternal King.

Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Today at Seventh

Our Pianist today is Tommy Edds.

The Sanctuary Flowers are given in appreciation for Donnie Balmos serving as our Interim Minister of Music.

Hearing devices are available at the sound booth for any who need assistance.

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