Celebrant: As we come to share in the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth. We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Unison: Lord, put our gifts at the service of the poor.
Celebrant: We cannot take the cup and forget those who are thirsty, the earth and its weary people cry for justice.
Unison: Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.
Celebrant: We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions. We are one in spirit, but not in fact. History and hurt still dismember us.
Unison: Lord, heal your Church in every brokenness.
Celebrant: Now, Lord, may these gifts of your creation be to us the very life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Form us into the likeness of Christ and live through us today.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Lord's Supper

Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. We share communion by intinction – by dipping a piece of bread into the cup of grape juice. If you are unable to come forward someone will bring the elements to you. All communion bread is gluten free.

Communion Hymns

“For the Fruit of All Creation” Hymn No. 36
“You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd” Hymn No. 274

Pastoral Prayer

We Depart to Serve the Lord

*Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign Wher’er the Sun” Hymn No. 265

*Benediction

Choral Response

“Peace I Leave With You” Matthew Glandorf

Organ Postlude

“Now Thank We All Our God” Sigfried Karg-Elert

The Postlude signifies the conclusion of worship. We invite you to remain seated.

Worship Leaders:
Rev. Dr. David Holyan, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Karen Blanchard, Associate Pastor

Music Ministry:
Chancel Choir; Louisa Wimmer, soloist; Bill Stein, Director of Music Ministries; Travis Evans, Music Associate

Live Stream Host:
Frank Darr

Ushers:
Ellie Coutts, Scott Fargo, Susan Fechter, Annie Littlepage, Sterling Littlepage, Carolyn Sproul, Stuart Sproul, Art McDonell, Usher Captain

Communion Servers:
Julie Grant, Kirk Hutchison, Julie Sells, Cheryl Steliga

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood

11:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 25, 2018

Christ the King Sunday
Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Prelude signifies the beginning of worship. Let us join together in a time of prayerful preparation as the music begins.

*Those who are able are invited to stand.

**We Gather to Worship God**

Organ Prelude

Variations on “St. George’s Window”

FC Woods

We Address Ourselves to God

*Call to Worship

Leader: Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

People: We shout for joy to the Lord.

Your faithfulness endures forever.

Leader: Reside with us, your people, O God. Be our protection and our strength.

People: The Lord is faithful and just, abundant in care and grace.

Leader: The Lord is faithful and just.

Let us worship the Lord!

*Processional Hymn

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

Hymn No. 367

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (The people joining)

Loving God, you bear witness to the truth of your love for us and all people. Yet the world does not accept your truth. There are times when we do not accept your truth. We do not fully understand your plans or your ways. Forgive us for not understanding. Forgive us our sin. Help us to listen. Help us to trust the goodness you have planted in our souls, like seeds growing toward the fruitful maturity. Help us to grow and mature and bear fruit so that our hungry neighbors can be fed by grace. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Silent Confessions

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response to Confession

“We Are Forgiven”

Hymn #447

*The Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer each other a sign of peace.

Please Sign and Pass the Friendship Registers

See the insert regarding information on the life and work of our congregation.

Time with Children

We Hear God’s Word

First Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

“We Are Forgiven”

Rev. Dr. David Holyan

We Respond to God’s Word

Second Reading

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Listening to Truth”

Rev. Dr. David Holyan

Offerings of the People

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

We Respond to God’s Word

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

People: We give you thanks, O Lord, for when we were nothing, you made us your children. When we turned away, you did not abandon us. When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And now you prepare a table for us, offering not just bread and cup, but your very self, so that we may be filled, healed, and made new again. We lift our voices and join with earth, sea, and sky, singing:

Unison:

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.