



**Pleasant Hill Presbyterian Church  
Online Worship Service  
Sunday, November 21, 2021  
Reign of Christ Sunday**

**Gathering Around the Word**

**Welcome and Announcements**

The Rev. Katie Day

**Introit**

Hyoun Joo Song

**Call to Worship:**

The Rev. Jody Andrade

One: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

**All: like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming  
from the dew on the grassy land.**

One: Come! Behold the reign of Christ,

**All: a power that shall not pass away and a love that will never be destroyed.**

One: We belong to the reign of Christ,

**All: the Alpha and Omega, who was, and is, and is to come.**

**Hymn 36**

*For the Fruit of All Creation*

## For the Fruit of All Creation 36

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -

sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.  
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

TEXT: Fred Pratt Green, 1970, alt.  
 MUSIC: Welsh melody, c. 1784  
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**Call to Confession**

The Rev. Jennie Sankey

**Prayer of Confession**

O Holy One, you showed us what it means to live by your reign: sharing food with the hungry, freedom with the imprisoned, justice with the oppressed, and joy with the sorrowful. We ask your forgiveness, O God, for all the ways we fail to live as people who belong to your reign. Show us once more what our belonging means, for you are the beginning, you are the end, and, in every time between, you fill our lives with grace. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace**  
**Passing of the Peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

**The Word Read and Proclaimed**

**Children's Sermon**

Jennie

**Anthem**

*Surely the Lord is in this Place*  
arr. Carl Mueller

Choir

**Prayer for Illumination**

Jennie

**Scripture Reading**

John 18:33-37

Jennie

**33** Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" **34** Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" **35** Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" **36** Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." **37** Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**Scripture Reading**

2 Samuel 23: 1-7

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**23** Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel: **2** The spirit of the Lord speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue. **3** The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God, **4** is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land. **5** Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? **6** But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand; **7** to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**Sermon**

*Questions & Answers*

Katie

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

Jody

*Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-55*

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the

kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

### **Prayers of the People**

#### **Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer**

Jody

#### **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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

### **Hymn 610**

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*

## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

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 Korean trans. The United Methodist Korean Hymnal Committee, 2001

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**Invitation to Offering**

Jennie

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**Prayer of Dedication**

**Following the Word into the World**

**Charge and Benediction**

Katie

**Postlude**

Hyoun Joo

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