

# *First Presbyterian Church of Sandpoint, Idaho*

November 23, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Christ the King Sunday

*Catherine Lyle, Pastor; Annie Welle, Piano; Dana Stockman, Choir Director*

*Mary Sturgis, Worship Leader; Mary Bauer & Sylvia Humes, Ushers*

*Don Helander, Livestream*

PRELUDE MUSIC, LIVESTREAM BEGINS

LIGHT THE CHRIST CANDLE, WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS

RING THE BELL, MOMENT OF SILENCE

CHORAL INTROIT "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Hidden Kingdom

**We don't see it,**

but it's everywhere we look;

**We don't hear it,**

but its message is constantly whispered throughout the world;

**We can't touch it,**

but its energy flows through every interaction, every connection.

**This Kingdom of Yours,**

is hidden in the ordinary stuff that makes up our everyday lives;

**It's like yeast in a loaf of bread,**

like a tiny seed that imperceptibly sprouts and grows in the secret, unseen place;

**And while we may miss it, or doubt it,**

or wonder why it appears weak in the face of evil,

**This Kingdom of Yours**

exerts an inexorable influence on us

**calling us to be more than our selfishness and pride**

would lead us to believe we are leading us to love and serve and connect in ways

**that leave us and our world different,**

**All: more alive, more real, more whole.**

\*OPENING HYMN #559 "We Gather Together"

OPENING PRAYER AND RESPONSIVE PEACE OF CHRIST

The UnKing by [Sacredise.com](http://Sacredise.com)

We call you 'King', Jesus, but you're not like any king we've ever heard of; You don't flaunt your power, waving your hand dismissively to change the lives of your subjects; You don't

hoard your wealth, and tax your people just to grow more comfortable in your isolated palace;

You don't exploit the weak and unconnected, or use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further your control. No, you are the King who lays down his crown, to walk among us as one of us;

You are the King who lays down his life, to bring abundant, eternal life to all who seek it; You

are the King who draws the weak, the rejected, the poor, the child into the centre of the

conversation and into the heart of where real power lies. You, Jesus, are the UnKing – the King whose Kingdom, redefines everything we know and will continue to do so for eternity. Amen. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.** Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE #577 “Glory Be to the Father”

*Glory be to the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen....*

CHORAL ANTHEM “We Will Give Thanks”

SCRIPTURE Jeremiah 23:1-6, Luke 23:33-43 (GNT)

CHILDREN’S MOMENT “2 Crowns and 1 King”

WORDS OF WITNESS “Even in pain dying on a cross, Jesus welcomed the sinner home. The Only Real King we’ll ever know.” Catherine Lyle, Pastor

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE #155 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY Lord in your mercy...**hear our 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.*

OFFERING AND OFFERTORY

\*THE DOXOLOGY #593 “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

*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....*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*CLOSING HYMN #555 “Now Thank We All Our God”

\*CHARGE & BENEDICTION (<http://umcdiscipleship.org/>)

Come once again, and feed your flock like a shepherd. Come once again, and gather up the children, the oppressed, the sick, the lonely, the humble, and the rejected of the earth. Turn our hearts to the least of your children, for if we lose them, we become lost. Reconcile us to you and to those we have hurt. On this Christ the King Sunday, join us together with neighbors, with strangers, and especially with our own household. Bring us to your light in our time of darkness, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

\*FOLLOW THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

We follow Christ’s light, for we are a congregation of people,  
**Loving, living, learning the joy of faith.**

\*POSTLUDE, LIVESTREAM CONCLUDES

## WORDS TO SONGS

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### **We Gather Together**

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

### **Rejoice, the Lord is King**

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,  
And triumph evermore:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail,  
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
Are to our Jesus given:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
For Christ the Judge shall come  
To glorify the saints  
For their eternal home:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

### **Now Thank We All Our God**

Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heaven adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.