



**PRELUDE #705** *You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)*

**WELCOME** - Hallack

**CALL TO WORSHIP** - from Psalm 93:1, 4, 5  
(Message Translation) - Jonna R.

God is King, robed, ruling  
God is robed, surging with strength.  
Stronger than wild sea storms,  
Mighty God rules from Heaven.  
Lord, what you say goes – it always has.  
Beauty. Holy mark your rule...to the very end of  
time.

**SONG #265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
(text written 1719 CE)

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** - Cathy Draper

*Some of today's prayer of confession comes from Greta Thunberg, Generation Z, an 18-year-old climate activist from Sweden. This is not an endorsement of all of Greta's positions, but a recognition of the need to listen to younger generations who may offer prophetic words if we can hear them. Let us come before God speaking humble truth...*

People are dying! All you can talk about is money and fairy tales of economic growth. How dare you! This is the biggest crisis humanity has faced. This is not something you can like on Facebook.

*God have mercy when we think more about the balances of our retirement portfolios and bank accounts than about the wellbeing of future generations. Shake us awake and move us beyond convenient responses of writing a letter or liking a post on social media. Show us when it's true that...our biosphere is being sacrificed so that people in rich countries like mine can live in luxury. It is the sufferings of the many that pay for the luxuries of the few.*

*Lord remind us that...*

*no one is too small to make a difference, everyone can do something. If everyone did something, then huge differences can happen. Creator of life, restore our vision of thriving for people, animals, plants, and planet. Reform our stewardship of the earth to reflect Your justice and abundance. May we bless future generations by seeking your wisdom and courage...Lord, grant us mercy!*

(Time for silent prayer...)

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE** - Hallack  
- based on Romans 8:1-2, 18-21

Hear the good news of the gospel about our life in Christ:

*"There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death."*

Hear the good news of the gospel about all of creation:

*"I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us.*

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God... in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.”

Jesus said, “See, I am making all things new!” (Revelation 21:5)  
That includes you and me and all of creation. Friends, know that in Christ you are forgiven and renewed; reconciled to God, one another, and to all of God’s creation.

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

- beyond church walls - Jonna R.

**SONG #401** *Here in This Place - verses 2 and 4 only*  
(text from 1979)

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 (Cathy Draper)  
John 18:33-38a (Jonna R.)

**MESSAGE** Jesus - Marvelous Matriarch of the Fam Jam

**SONG #274** *You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd*  
(text from 1984)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**  
(Hallack)

*Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your 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 yours is the kingdom,  
and the power,  
and the glory  
now and forever. Amen.*

## **SONG OF THANKSGIVING - #644 Give Thanks O Christian People**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

*“Jesus said, ‘My Kin(g)dom is not of this world...the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.’”* John 18:36-37

### **REFLECTION QUESTIONS AND SCRIPTURE SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS WEEK**

1. What is one thing that you know deeply to be true?
2. How is your expression of this truth influenced by your generation (or the popular culture of your generation)? How might the means of communication (not the truth itself) result in a partially lost meaning to those of another generation?
3. How can we practice intergenerational grace? See *1 Timothy 5:1-2*.
4. Ask Christ for wisdom: how to listen to others while together seeking truth – truth that emerges from Godly character not the preferences of one brief era or one subculture.

