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we want
a KING!

Reign of Christ Sunday

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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

Loving God, there is much chaos in your world:
conflicts divide neighbours and nations;
injustice and oppression run rampant;
hunger, homelessness, and wars stalk the planet;
and power is misused and abused.
We pray for your justice, your reconciliation, and your peace.
And may our living help to prepare the way
for your coming kindom.
Amen.

Prelude “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (Oliver Holden)
 “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (George Job Elvey)

Cameron

Welcome and Announcements

Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “Great is Thy Faithfulness” 39 - GG

1. *Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.*

*REFRAIN: Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!*

2. *Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.* **REFRAIN:**

3. *Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!* **REFRAIN:**

* **Prayer of Approach**

A Gift of Music “10,000 Reasons” The BBC Band
(Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman)

Responsive Reading “A Litany for Christ the King Sunday”

(Let this litany be a prayer of commitment to follow Jesus,
one who subverts earthly power and calls us into a kingdom of love.)

LEADER: We gather to celebrate *Christ the King Sunday*,
but Jesus, whom we follow, is not the kind of king
who sits on gilded thrones or commands armies.

PEOPLE: Jesus is no earthly king.
His kingdom is not of this world.

LEADER: The people of Israel demanded a king,
that they might be like the nations around them.

PEOPLE: But you warned them, O God, that
earthly kings would take their sons and daughters,
their fields, and their freedom.

LEADER: And still they cried, “Give us a king!”
placing their hope in power and might.

PEOPLE: Forgive us, O God, when we, too, choose leaders
who are corrupt, self-serving, and blind to justice.

LEADER: In a world that clamors for rulers to dominate,
Jesus comes among us refusing the title of king.
Before Pilate, he declared:
“My kingdom is not from this world.”

PEOPLE: **Your rule is one of humility,
where the first are last and the last are first.
Your power is love, your throne a cross,
your crown a life of service and sacrifice.**

LEADER: In a world quick to trust in wealth and celebrity,
and so, in kings, presidents, and leaders
who promise strength but deliver oppression,

PEOPLE: **we pledge allegiance to your kingdom, O God,
where justice rolls down like waters
and peace covers the earth.**

LEADER: Come, Jesus, reign in our hearts,
in our communities, and in our world.

PEOPLE: **Not as a king who takes,
but as a shepherd who leads.
Not in tyranny, but in truth.
Not with weapons, but with compassion and grace.**

LEADER: For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and forever.

ALL: Amen.

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

Offering Invitation

* Offering Hymn “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” 802 - GG

1. *The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.*
2. *Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.*
3. *Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.*
4. *In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.*
5. *Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!*
6. *And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Barbara

Hebrew Lesson: 1 Samuel 8: 1 - 22

Gospel Lesson: John 18: 33 - 38

Sermon: *“We Want a King!”*

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of Response “O for a World” 372 - GG

- 1. O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.*
- 2. O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.*
- 3. We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.*
- 4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn, outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.*
- 5. O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.*

* Benediction

Postlude

“Postlude on Azmon”

(tune by Carl Gläser, arranged by Melody Bober)