

Prelude

Let us turn our hearts and minds to a time of silent reflection and prayer.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will cause a righteous Branch to spring forth and bring my promised salvation to Israel.

ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.

ONE: The days are surely coming, says our God, when justice and mercy will be executed throughout the land.

ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.

ONE: The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when my promised One will teach transgressors my ways, and heal the world with love and mercy.

ALL: The Lord is our righteousness.

*Hymn of Praise "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" Celebration Hymnal No. 648

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION:

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. Help us lay aside the works of darkness! Help us put on the armor of light! For in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven and made new. Salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. Father God, clothe us in righteousness, to walk in your light, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

Anthem

Old Testament Lesson Psalm 19: 7-14

New Testament Lesson John 14: 23-26

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen, Amen.

Sermon

"The Love Reaction"

Rev. William Kren

Hymn of Reflection

"O How I Love Jesus"

Celebration Hymnal No. 92

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Choral Response

Worship in Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Offertory Prayer

*Hymn of Going Forth "O How He Loves You and Me" Celebration Hymnal No. 349

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

"Make Us One"

Make us one Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one
Let our love flow, so the world will know
We are one in you, we are one in you.

*Postlude

*We invite you to stand if you are able.

Old Testament Lesson: Psalm 19: 7-14 (NLT)

⁷The instructions of the LORD are perfect, reviving the soul. The decrees of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the simple. ⁸The commandments of the LORD are right, bringing joy to the heart. The commands of the LORD are clear, giving insight for living. ⁹Reverence for the LORD is pure, lasting forever. The laws of the LORD are true; each one is fair. ¹⁰They are more desirable than gold, even the finest gold. They are sweeter than honey, even honey dripping from the comb. ¹¹They are a warning to your servant, a great reward for those who obey them. ¹²How can I know all the sins lurking in my heart? Cleanse me from these hidden faults. ¹³Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin. ¹⁴May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

New Testament Lesson: John 14:23-26 (NLT)

²²Judas (not Judas Iscariot, but the other disciple with that name) said to him, "Lord, why are you going to reveal yourself only to us and not to the world at large?" ²³Jesus replied, "All who love me will do what I say. My Father will love them, and we will come and make our home with each of them. ²⁴Anyone who doesn't love me will not obey me. And remember, my words are not my own. What I am telling you is from the Father who sent me. ²⁵I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. ²⁶But when the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

The Word of God, for the People of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

SERMONNOTES

November 25, 2018

Sermon Title

Rev. William Kren

Reign of Christ Sunday

THE LOVE REACTION

Dearborn Congregational Church

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, obey my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. ¹⁷He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you. ¹⁸No, I will not abandon you as orphans — I will come to you. ¹⁹Soon the world will no longer see me, but you will see me. Since I live, you also will live. ²⁰When I am raised to life again, you will know that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them."

1. PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT (John 14:16)

2. PROMISED SPIRITUAL VISION (John 14: 18-19)

3. PROMISED ETERNITY (John 14:19)
