# **Ephraim Moravian Church Reign of Christ Sunday**

November 22, 2020 at 10.00 a.m.

### **Order of Service**

Welcome and Announcements

"Adagio Nobile" - by Johannes Donjon

Watchword for the Week: God says, 'I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak' – Ezekiel 34:16

Hymn #407: "Name of All Majesty"

Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery King of the ages by angels adored; Pow'r and authority, splendor and dignity Bow to his majesty; Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny, God from eternity Love of the Father on sinners outpoured; See now what God has done, sending his only Son Christ the beloved one; Jesus is Lord!

Savior of Calvary, costliest victory
Darkness defeated and Eden restored;
Born as a man to die, nailed to the cross on high
Cold in the grave to lie; Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality Life everlasting and heaven assured; So, with the ransomed, we praise him eternally Christ in his majesty; Jesus is Lord!

Prayers of the Church / The Lord's Prayer

Scripture Lessons: Psalm 95: 1-7a

Ephesians 1: 15-23

#### "Eine Kleine Nachtmusik" - Mozart

Reflection

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25: 31-40

Sermon

## Hymn #403 (v. 1, 3 & 6): "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name, let angels prostrate fall Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all! Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

O seed of Israel's chosen race, now ransomed from the fall Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all! Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all! We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

Benediction

Postlude – "Dance" (from Samson And Delilah) Camille Saint-Saëns

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#### Reflection - by Rev. Cory Kemp

It is so very important to remember just how powerful God really is. Equally important is how powerful you become when you rely on God, with thanksgiving and prayer, in every circumstance of your life.

Paul's words to the Ephesian Church are directed to us, as well as to this ancient congregation, reminding us of the power of God in, for, and among all of us. "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."

God's power is always surprising, giving us more than we expect. God's power is extravagant, exceeding all our hopes and dreams. God's power is impartial, granting wisdom and deep knowing to anyone who cares to ask and receive. God's power and strength are always available for you, for all of us who believe.

So how do we access this power, the same life-giving force that raised Jesus Christ from the dead? God is ready to reveal more when you are willing to see and receive what God has for you. The most simple, straightforward way to know God better is to say thank you for all that you have, all that you are, and all that God already allows you to be.

Being grateful, expressing that gratitude to God, the giver of all things, helps you see God's power in action in your own life. Then, praying for other people, that they may know God's hope and riches for them, helps you see beyond yourself to God's great inheritance for all, without partiality or limit.

God is good, powerful and gracious. Let us give thanks and pray for each other today and in all days to come.

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