

The Presque Isle Congregational Church
United Church of Christ
November 20, 2022 - Reign of Christ Sunday

Prelude *Crown Him With Many Crowns*¹

Gathering Music *In the River of Your Grace*²

Words of Welcome Jennifer Gillis-White

Introit *Come and Find the Quiet Center*³

Call to Worship

One: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Many: We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

One: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

Many: We gather to bear witness to all that God has done for us.

One: Come, behold the works of God!

Many: We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.

Opening Prayer (In Unison)

Though many forces have scattered us in various ways, we invite you to bring us together within ourselves and all around us. Prepare our hearts, minds, and spirits, Gathering God, to be present and ready to receive exactly what we need from this time of worship. Amen.

Opening Hymn *Immortal, Invincible God Only Wise*⁴

Prayer of Transformation (in unison) Lee Thomas

It's so easy for us to get caught up in our human-made divisions. Whether survival instincts or capitalistic drive, we separate ourselves from those who don't look, think, or act like us. We unintentionally allow our differences to stain the beauty of your diversity. Our many different households, family structures, belief systems, and various identities become tools of divisiveness rather than gifts of the divine.

Words of Grace

Two-Minute Message Jennifer Gillis-White

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Scripture Reading

Psalm 46 (CEB)

Lee Thomas

God is our refuge and strength, a help always near in times of great trouble.
That's why we won't be afraid when the world falls apart,
when the mountains crumble into the center of the sea, when its waters roar and rage,
when the mountains shake because of its surging waves. *Selah*

There is a river whose streams gladden God's city, the holiest dwelling of the Most High.
God is in that city. It will never crumble. God will help it when morning dawns.
Nations roar; kingdoms crumble. God utters God's voice; the earth melts.
The Lord of heavenly forces is with us! The God of Jacob is our place of safety. *Selah*

Come, see the Lord's deeds, what devastation he has imposed on the earth—
bringing wars to an end in every corner of the world, breaking the bow and shattering the spear,
burning chariots with fire. "That's enough! Now know that I am God! I am exalted among all nations; I am
exalted throughout the world!" The Lord of heavenly forces is with us!

The God of Jacob is our place of safety.

Message

Meg Hegemann

Choral Anthem

*My Lord, What A Mourning!*⁵

PIUCC Choir

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our **Creator***, 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 trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

**Please use whatever name is most familiar/comfortable when you pray to God.*

Closing Hymn

*We Are Marching in the Light of God*⁶

Community News

Benediction

Message from Calvin Hall, Moderator

Postlude

Barbara Merryman

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