

**CHRIST THE KING / REIGN OF CHRIST
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(*=**please stand if you are able**)

Prelude (A time for Silence and Reflection)

Welcome

Elder Edgar Hayes

Opening Prayer

L: “God has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:13-14).

P: “Christ is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything” (Colossians 1:18).

All: We worship and adore you, Christ our King

Opening Hymn GTG# 350

“Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Call to Confession

Jesus, remember us and hear our prayers of honest confession.

Prayer of Confession

Prince of Peace, we confess the barriers we build, the self-protective numbing we conjure to distance ourselves from the pain of this world. We harden our hearts to the suffering and behave in ways far from humane. Soften us, Jesus. Humble us with the compassion you exhibit from the cross. Guide us to live open and wholehearted lives as we attend to the needs of others. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of pardon

“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing” (Luke 23:34).

Christ our King calls for our forgiveness and grants us pardon. Let us love and forgive in response to this glorious gift. Amen.**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

***Gloria Patri STF#2037**

“I Sing Praise to your Name”

I give Glory to your name oh Lord

Glory to your name, Oh Lord

For your name is great

And greatly to be praised

Prayer for Illumination

Savior God, guide us into and through your Word, that we might be shaped by your Spirit’s message to us today and transformed for service in your world. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture, declares the Lord. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who “tend to” my people: You are the ones who have scattered my flock and driven them away. You haven’t attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord. The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David’s line, and he will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During his lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And his name will be The Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L: This is the word God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem:

Scripture Reading:

Colossians 1:11-20

by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God’s holy people. He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins. The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation, Because all things were created by him: both in the heavens and on the earth,

the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through him and for him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in him. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that he might occupy the first place in everything. Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him, and he reconciled all things to himself through him— whether things on earth or in the heavens. He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“I Know Who Holds the Future”

Elder Edgar Hayes

Hymn GTG# 353

“My Hope is Built on Nothing Less”

Words of Gratitude

In response to God’s abundant gifts to us, let us give generously to Christ’s mission and ministry. Let us present our tithes and offerings to God.

RESPOND IN GRACE

“We Lift Our Voices”

Offertory

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift lives up to you: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.

We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering

*** Doxology**

“I Sing Praises to Your Name, Oh Lord”

I sing praises to your name, oh Lord

Praises to your name, oh Lord

For your name is great

And greatly to be praised

Risen Savior, responding to your love and grace, we offer our gifts of time, talent and service. May our offerings feed the hungry, cloth the poor, quench the thirsty and shelter the most vulnerable among us. Amen.

Prayers of the People (See backpage)

***Lord’s Prayer**

Hymn GTG# 359

“Freedom is Coming”

Announcements

Benediction

God is Good! **All the time!** All the Time! **God is Good!**

May Jesus’ name be praised as we leave to love and serve. May our lives reflect Christ’s glory and honor his name. May God, the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, bless us and keep us all. Amen.

The Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you

Amen

Postlude

Prayers of the People

God of abundant blessing, as we approach a holiday of gratitude and a new liturgical year, we pause to give you thanks and praise. We acknowledge all good gifts that come from you and for the many ways you bless us. Especially, we thank you for:

... Family and loved ones who encircle us with care
... Clear skies and starry nights that stun us with your creation's beauty
... Acts of kindness and compassion shared between neighbors and strangers
... Leaders who defy partisan rhetoric and rancor to act with honesty and integrity

The sun sinks early, and the days grow short in this darkening season, Holy God. Your people languish, yearning for a break from bad news and heavy burdens. In our despair we turn to you and lift our hope-filled petitions for the needs of your people. We pray for:

... Victims of violence, war and oppressive regimes
... Those in need of healing from trauma
... Those whose spirits are burdened by mental illness
... Those who believe they are beyond help and hope

We humble ourselves before you, Christ our King, to pray for our redemption and the world's. May we live and love and forgive as you did. May we resist evil forces that seek to turn us from a humane path. May we embrace your way of peace, transformed for lives of love and grace.

Now, hear us pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying together, "Our Father...".

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where Jesus Christ is Lord; where men, women, and
children share in leadership; and where the strength
of our fellowship builds bridges to the community."***

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EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2022

- In person Hybrid worship at 11AM
- English Bible Study Thursday's at 11:00AM.
- Spanish Bible Study will be Wednesday's at 10:00AM.
- Prayer Time on Friday's at 11AM via zoom.
- Session Meeting Monday, December 5th at 7PM via zoom
- Worship Team meeting Tuesday, Dec. 13th at 9:30AM
- This year we will not have in person worship on Christmas Day Dec. 25th. We will be sharing a digital version of worship that will be done by the Hudson River Presbytery.
- Would you be interested in doing Christmas Eve Service this year? If so, please let Lindsay or Pastor Jeniffer know.
- Is there a Christmas song that you want us to sing during worship this Holiday season? Please call or email the Church office and let Lindsay know.

-Message about Thanksgiving Dinner:

We are ready to serve about 320 dinners. Thank you to those who contributed pies and turkeys (there are 10 turkeys in the refrigerator right now). Thank you to those who will cut up veggies on Wednesday and assemble the bags to be delivered. Thank you to those who will serve and deliver. Thank you to Briarcliff Congregational Church for mashed potatoes.

Will we have enough food? I hope so. Prayers are needed because the need is great. Someone at the Food Pantry said to me "When you do good from the kindness of your heart, things work out well".

Duna

- We have also started collecting Christmas gifts for the kids at First Steps. This year we have 31 boys and 29 Girls. Last day of collection is Sunday December 4th. You can also share your monetary donations. Please do not wrap gifts.

-Zoom worship Service at 11:00AM

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Prayers and Praise

Please pray for Everyone in leadership

Please pray for Keeping Communities Safe

Please pray for Children/ families

Please pray for The Boateng Family

Please pray for The Otu's family

Please pray for The Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for The Sevilla's family

Please pray for Those who harm

Please pray for Peace in the middle of violence

Please pray for The Dyckman's Family

Please pray for The Ozuna Family

Please pray for The Reda's family

Please pray for People struggling with cancer. For healing

Please pray for For the physical and spiritual shape of our nation

Please pray for For leaders, people in a position of authority

Please Pray for Lima family

Please pray for Israel and Palestine

Please Pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Praise Songs and Hymns

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

350 Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your
2 It's our faith makes us hap - py; it's our
3 We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are
4 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery

lamps trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps
faith makes us hap - py; it's our faith
climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing
round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes

trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Refrain

Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;

This African American spiritual has a biblical basis in the parable of the ten maidens (Matthew 25:1-13), but the text actually sung could vary greatly. Such variation can be seen here in the annexing of an often freestanding spiritual based on Jacob's vision (Genesis 28:10-17).

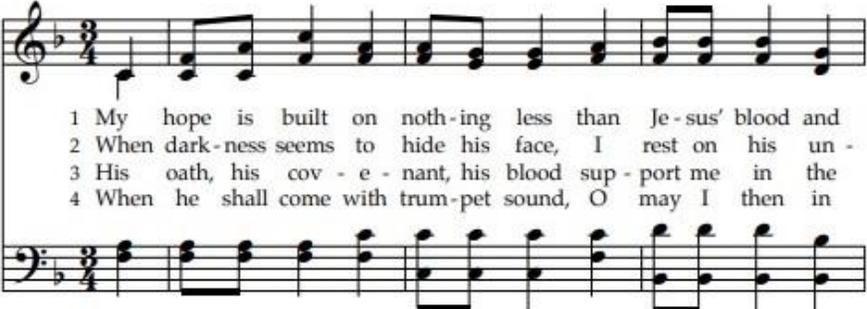
TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

KEEP YOUR LAMPS
7.7.7.7 with refrain

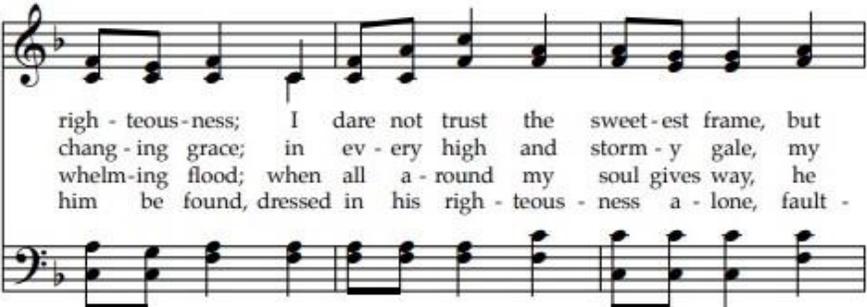
CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

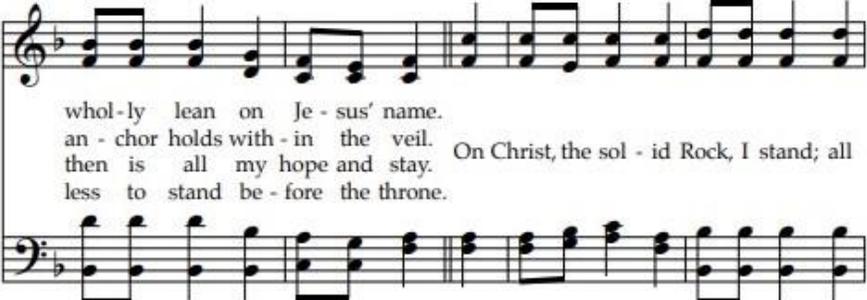
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353



1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un-
 3 His oath, his cov-e-nant, his blood sup-port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ-teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
 chang-ing grace; in ev-ery high and storm-y gale, my
 whelm-ing flood; when all a-round my soul gives way, he
 him be found, dressed in his righ-teous-ness a-lone, fault-

Refrain


whol-ly lean on Je-sus' name.
 an-chor holds with-in the veil. On Christ, the sol-id Rock, I stand; all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be-fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

This hymn develops the imagery of Jesus' remark (Matthew 7:24-27 / Luke 6:47-49) that those who believe in him and act on that belief are like someone who builds a house on a rock. The text is set to a tune created for it by a prolific 19th-century American composer and editor.

Freedom Is Coming 359

O free - dom, O free - dom, O
(O) Je - sus, O Je - sus, O

— know. Free-dom is com-ing. Free-dom is
Je - sus is com-ing. Je - sus is

free - dom. O
Je - sus.

com - ing. Free-dom is com - ing. O yes, I
com - ing. Je - sus is com - ing. O yes, I

yes, I know. O yes, I know. O yes, I know.

know. (O) O yes, I know. (O) O yes, I know. (O)

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O yes, I know. O yes, I yes, I know.

It is widely recognized that music played a highly significant role in the effectiveness of the anti-apartheid movement in South Africa, and this song is an important reminder that oppressed people everywhere experience a close correlation between political and spiritual freedom.