

November 21, 2021 – Reign of Christ – 10:45 a.m.
Order of Worship

Prelude

Dr. J. Donald Dumpson

Work of the Community

Carla Jones Brown

Song of Praise

Congregation

Grateful

**I am grateful for the things that you have done.
Yes, I'm grateful for the victories we've won.
I could go on, and on, and on about Your works;
Because I'm grateful, grateful, so grateful
Just to praise you Lord.
Flowing from my heart are the issues of my heart
It's Gratefulness**

Grateful, (11x), Gratefulness. It's flowing from my heart *[repeat]*

Flowing from my heart are the issues of my heart; It's Gratefulness

Call To Worship

Char Mansfield

Leader: With grateful hearts, we gather to worship,

People: **We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With open minds, we listen to the needs of others,

People: **We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With outstretched hands, we serve one another,

People: **We give God thanks and praise.**

Leader: With all our being, we follow Jesus Christ,

People: **And we give God thanks and praise.**

Congregational Hymn (see insert) Love Divine All Loves Excelling

Congregation

Invitation to Tell the Truth

Char Mansfield

Prayer of Confession

Alpha and Omega, Beginning and Ending, we confess that we are far too often focused solely on what is in front of us. We miss out on what You are doing in the world. We can only perceive our own struggles and difficulties, and ignore the cries of the oppressed, marginalized, and disenfranchised. Forgive us. Call us to lift our gaze. Guide us to open our minds and hearts to one another. Remind us that You are the Almighty, the Holy One, who made all of creation and made us, who knows our hearts and calls us by name. Remind us that there is much more than what we think we know. Keep us to Your ways, and lead us into the work of love, justice, restoration, and peace.

A moment for silent reflection and confession

Leader: We entrust these prayers to you O God. Amen

All: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

Amen, Amen, Amen!

Congregation

Leader: Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Sung Response of Thanksgiving** Thank You, Lord

Congregation

Thank You Lord (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.

Been So Good (3x), I just want to thank you Lord.

Saved My Soul (3x) I just want to thank you Lord.

Scripture Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Leader: The Word of God for the People of God
People: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Carla Jones Brown

***Response to the Word**

Alpha and Omega

Congregation

**You are Alpha and Omega
We worship You O Lord
You are worthy to be praised.**

**We give You all the glory
We worship You O Lord
You are worthy to be praised.**

Prayers of the People and 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.

Offering of Self and Benediction

Carla Jones Brown

*Please rise in body or spirit.

****Please wait to be directed into the social hall for coffee hour****

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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