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We Offer Ourselves in Worship
November 23, 2025
Lay Worship Leader- Jim Shoemaker

Words Of Welcome

Announcements

Centering Time (Prepare Your Heart & Mind for Worship)

"King of Kings"

Praise Team

Responsive Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 46)

One: In this present time, no matter what passes before us,

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

One: As earth shakes and nations are in an uproar,

Many: God is present with us and is our refuge in times of trouble.

One: As the world trembles in fear and worry,

Many: May we find stillness and peace, knowing God is God of all.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

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Sharing of The Peace: We greet those around us with a sign of peace (handshakes or hugs) and words like "The peace of the Lord be with you"

"Pastoral Welcome & Prayer (Psalm 46)

Scripture Reading- **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

23 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ² Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³ Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴ I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall no longer fear or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. ⁵ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶ In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader: This is the Word of our Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

(Children are dismissed to "Godly Play")- Sara Vargas (storyteller) & Nicole Beland (helper)

Message: **Pastor Pablo R. Vargas: "A Different Kind of King"**

Sermon Notes (Just Some Thoughts):

- Jeremiah is writing to the exiles in Babylon
- The first wave of deportations begin around 597 BC and culminates in the destruction of Jerusalem.
- Nebuchadnezzar changed Mathias, Josiah's son to Zedekiah (2 Kings 24:8-17).
- The Babylonians installed Zedekiah, whose name means "the Lord is righteous" as a puppet king.

- Zedekiah who rules for 10 years with relative peace but then is urged to revolt against the Babylonians and is badly defeated.
- They murder all of his sons and blind Zedekiah.

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

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INVITATION TO OFFER OUR GIFTS & SERVICE (Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness)

We commit our time, talent, treasure, willingness to serve and gift of witness out into the world as we bring our offerings.

***Doxology**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (Unison)

Compassionate Shepherd, You do not abandon your flock, even when we wander or divide. You gather us in Christ, our righteousness, and teach us to live in unity, mercy, and peace. As we bring these gifts, may they be signs of our desire to follow your way—offering compassion where there has been hurt, justice where there has been harm, and hope where there has been despair. Strengthen us to live as people waiting not in fear, but in faith—serving the reign of Christ not just with words, but with lives shaped by generosity and love. In the name of the One who gathers and leads us always. Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"

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Benediction

Stay Afterwards for Coffee Hour