



SERMON SUMMARY

Celebrating the Royal Priest

Insights from Executive Minister Linda Teel's Sermon

Worship begins with understanding who we are in Christ. Minister Teel reminds us that holiness is not something we achieve but something we receive. Because of Jesus, we come into God's presence clothed in His righteousness, not our own effort. As both King and Priest, Christ has made a way for us to draw near with confidence, living in trust and dependence on Him.

1. WORSHIP FLOWS FROM HOW WE APPROACH GOD



Worship is shaped by the posture of our hearts. We come before God covered in His righteousness, welcomed into His presence.



Reflection: How does knowing you are welcomed by God shape the way you approach Him in worship?

2. HOLINESS IS A GIFT THROUGH CHRIST



Holiness is given to those who place their faith in Jesus. It is not earned through effort but received through grace.



Reflection: How does seeing holiness as a gift change the way you view your relationship with God?

3. JESUS IS BOTH KING AND PRIEST



Christ holds all authority as King and offers Himself as the perfect sacrifice as Priest. He rules with power and restores through grace.



Reflection: What does it mean to you that Jesus both reigns over your life and intercedes for you?

4. GOD'S TIMING REFLECTS HIS MERCY



What may feel like a delay is often an expression of God's patience. He is giving time for hearts to turn toward Him.



Reflection: Where might God be inviting you to trust His timing instead of questioning it?

5. THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IS BUILT ON TRUST AND DEPENDENCE



Faith grows through trusting God and depending on Him daily. It is a relationship marked by obedience and surrender.



Reflection: In what area of your life do you need to rely more fully on God?

6. JESUS HAS COMPLETED THE WORK OF SALVATION



Christ's sacrifice was final and sufficient. He continues to intercede, covering every part of our lives with His grace.



Reflection: How does knowing Christ's work is complete give you peace and confidence today?

TODAY'S FAITH CHALLENGE



Take a quiet moment to reflect on the insights above. Which truth about Christ as King and Priest speaks most clearly to your heart right now? Consider how God may be inviting you to approach Him with greater confidence, trust His timing, and rest in the finished work of Jesus.

- How do you approach God in your daily life?
- What does it mean to live in the holiness Christ has given you?
- Where is God calling you to trust Him more deeply?