

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 23 November 2025

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect, please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

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

**Blessing and honor and glory and might
be unto the Lamb!**

Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood
from every tribe and tongue and nation,
and made his people a kingdom, and priests
to our God.

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come! Amen.**

(U.S.A., 20th Cent.)

*Praise Choruses: 2069 "All Hail King Jesus"
2008 "Let All Things Now Living"

*Opening Hymn: 715 "Rejoice the Lord Is King"

*Opening Prayer: 721 "Christ the King"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 601 "Thy Word Is a Lamp"

First Lesson; Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalter: 208 "Canticle of Zechariah" (" *Benedictus*):
Luke 1:68-79

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

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*Hymn of Preparation: 714 "I Know Whom I Have Believed"

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith: 887: "Affirmation from Romans 8:35, 37-39"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

*The Peace: Let us offer one another signs
of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offerory

*Doxology: 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Prayer of Thanksgiving**:

O Lord our God, the author and giver of all good things,
we thank you for all your mercies,
and for your loving care over all your creatures.

**We bless you for the gift of life, for your protection
round about us,**

**for your guiding hand upon us,
and for the tokens of your love within us.**

**We thank you for friendship and duty,
for good hopes and precious memories,
for the joys that cheer us,
and the trials that teach us to trust in you.**

**Most of all we thank you
for the saving knowledge of your Son our Savior,
for the living presence of your Spirit, the Comforter,**

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**for your Church, the body of Christ,
for the ministry of Word and Sacrament,
and all the means of grace.**

**In all these things, O heavenly God,
make us wise for a right use of your benefits,
that we may render an acceptable thanksgiving
unto you all the days of our lives
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(The Book of Common Order, Scotland, 20th Cent., alt.)

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 181 "Ye Servants of God"

*Closing Prayer**:

Almighty God, who gave your Son Jesus Christ a realm
where all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him;
should serve him;

**make us loyal followers of our living Lord,
that we may always hear his word,
follow his teachings, and live in his Spirit;
and hasten the day when every knee shall bow
and every tongue confess that he is Lord;
to your eternal glory. Amen.**

(A. Campbell Frazer, England, 20th cent., alt.)

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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