

**BETHESD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 November 2020**

**Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday\***

**ENTRANCE**

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements

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.)*

Opening Hymn: 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Opening Prayer: 721 "Christ the King"

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

Prayer for Illumination: 599 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

First Lesson: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

Psalter: 821 (*Response 1*) Psalm 100

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Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

Hymn of Preparation: 185 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon: "*Division*"

Affirmation of Faith: 888 "Affirmation from 1 Corinthians 15:1-6  
and Colossians 1:15-20"

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/Offertory

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving\*:

Most merciful God, you crown the year  
with your goodness.

We praise you that you have ever fulfilled your promise  
that, while earth remains, seedtime and harvest  
shall not cease.

**We bless you for the order and constancy of nature,  
for the beauty of earth and sky and sea,  
and for the providence that year by year  
supplies our need.**

**And with our thanksgiving for these blessings,**

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**accept our praise, O God,  
for the eternal riches of your grace in Christ our Lord;  
to whom, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit,  
be all glory and honor and worship, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**           *(J. M. Todd, England, 20th Cent., Alt.)*

The Lord's Prayer: 895

**SENDING FORTH**

Closing Hymn: 381 "Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us"

Blessing\*: May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**  
*(Romans 15:13)*

Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude

Going Forth

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\*CHRIST KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY: "*The last Sunday After Pentecost, which is the last Sunday of the Christian year, is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation.*" *(THE U.M. BOOK OF WORSHIP, op. cit.)*