

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 20 November 2022

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday

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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: 2036 "Give Thanks"
2009 "O God Beyond All Praising"

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

*Opening Prayer: 721 "Christ the King"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 206 "I Want to Walk
as a Child of the Light" *(Verse 1 only)*

First Lesson; Jeremiah 23:1-6

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

Second Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

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

*Gospel Lesson: Luke 23:33-43

Sermon: "**Elevation, Degradation**"

Affirmation of Faith: 886: "The World Methodist Social
Affirmation"

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:

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,

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**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,
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: 421 "Make Me a Captive, Lord"

*Closing Prayer**:

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