

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 24 November 2024

Christ the King /Reign of Christ 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.**

*Praise Choruses: 2070 "He Is Exalted"
2018 "Honor and Praise"

*Opening Prayer: 721 "Christ the King"

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

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Psalter: *(Insert: Alternate speaker and people)* Psalm 132:1-12

Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8

*Hymn of Preparation: 326 "The Head That Once
Was Crowned with Thorns"

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*Gospel: John 18:35-37

Sermon

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,
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.)**

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*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*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

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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^CHRIST THE 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.)*