BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
10:30 a.m. Sunday 22 November 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday

ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

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

Praise Choruses: 2036 "Give Thanks"
3043 "You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd"

*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: 715 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

*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

Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23

*Hymn of Preparation: 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

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.

Children's Time

THANKSGIVING

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

Offering/Offertory

*Doxology: 2036 "Give Thanks"

*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.)*

*The Lord's Prayer: 895

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 175 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*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 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.)