

Bethany United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Christ the King Sunday

November 22, 2020



ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH (10:50)

LIGHT AND PRELUDE *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*
(UMH # 325)

arr. Julius Roentgen

GREETING

The Lord God is our shepherd.
**We are the people of God's pasture,
the sheep of God's hand.**
God will seek the lost,
feed the hungry,
and strengthen the weak.
**But the proud and power-hungry
will be fed with justice.**

HYMN UMH # 73

O Worship the King

LYONS

OPENING PRAYER

God of majesty,
you love us with an everlasting love
and show us the way to justice and peace.
In Jesus Christ you have reconciled the
whole world to you
and claimed us as your own,
that we may live as his body on earth and,
with all the saints, enter into your glory
on the last day. **Amen.**

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Holy God, open your Word.
Give us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
that our eyes may be enlightened
and we may know the hope to which we have been called;
through Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

PSALTER: *UMH* # 821 with sung response 1
Psalm 100

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*
Mark Higgins: hammered dulcimer

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Rev. Julia Webb-Bowden

HYMN *UMH* # 131

We Gather Together

KREMSER

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *UMH* # 889 *from I Timothy*

There is one God
and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus,
who came as a ransom for all,
to whom we testify.

**This saying is sure
and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners,
and was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated in the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed in throughout the world,
taken up in glory.**

Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.

Gloria *UMH* # 184 verse 3

**Christ, to thee with God the Father, and, O Holy Ghost, to thee,
hymn and chant and high thanksgiving, and unwearied praises be:
honor, glory and dominion, and eternal victory,
evermore and evermore. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CALL TO CONFESSION

With sincere and repentant hearts,
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Sovereign God, we confess
that we are not ready for your holy realm.
You guide us toward right paths,
but we refuse to follow where you lead.
You love and feed and care for us,
but we fail to love and serve others.
Forgive us, merciful God,
so that we may return to your fold
and rejoice in your presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the Lamb upon the throne. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

However long we wander,
however far we stray,
God's steadfast love endures forever.
Sisters and brothers, be assured:
in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

The Head That Once Was Crowned
(UMH # 326)

Clark/Monk

DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

SENDING FORTH

HYMN UMH # 138

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBIA

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lo, He Comes with Clouds Descending

The English Hymnal

(UMH # 718)

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

TODAY Bible Study @ 4:00 pm (Zoom)

November 25 NO Choir Practice

December 1 Forward Together @ 7:00 pm (Zoom)