

Sunday, November 23, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

TODAY'S FOCUS: HOPE. As we consider the sovereignty of Christ today, we also consider how we share the hope we have in Christ with the world. How does our hope call us to see what is here and now?

PRELUDE — Rhonda Ritter

INTROIT — Lovelight and Closer Walk Praise Band “Just a Closer Walk”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS — Lin

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST** — Lin

***OPENING HYMN** UMH #694 “Come Ye Thankful People Come” (v. 1-3)

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2. All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

***CALL TO WORSHIP** — Suzanne Gallagher

One: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

Many: Wind, blow through the trees and let us hear your singing!

One: Sea, dash those waves upon the shores!

Many: Birds, show us how to really twitter!

One: Lions and wolves, roar and howl!

Many: Babies and children, laugh with joy!

One: Shout a great shout, people of God!

All: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth!

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OPENING PRAYER — Lin

SPECIAL MUSIC — Rhonda Ritter, Keara Reagan, Shelly Anderson “Pie Jesu” and another song?

HYMN TFWs #2233 “Where Children Belong”

CHILDREN’S STORY — Lin

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:15-23 — Suzanne Gallagher

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

MESSAGE “Exits and Entrances” Rev. Lin Cheek

SPECIAL MUSIC — Rhonda Ritter, Keara Reagan, Shelly Anderson
“You’ll Never Walk Alone” and “Lone Wild Bird”

OFFERTORY — Rinn Choir “The Lord’s Prayer”

***DOXOLOGY** UMH #94

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** — Suzanne Gallagher

All: Gracious God, reveal your ways to us and help us understand our actions, that we might bring your light to the world in all that we say and do. We ask that you bless this offering to your purpose and bless all those who benefit from it. Bless this generous church with unity and strength, that we may make a joyful noise to you, bring shouts and laughter to the world, and proclaim the tender mercies of our God all our days. Amen!

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PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER — Lin

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

UMH #102 "Now Thank We All Our God"

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was is now, and shall be evermore.

***BENEDICTION — Lin**

POSTLUDE — Rhonda Ritter

Prelude/Postlude—Rhonda Ritter
Offertory—Rhonda Ritter
Organ —Betsy Foushee
Special Music — Lots and lots and lots!!!
Liturgist — Suzanne Gallagher

Accomp.—Rhonda Ritter
Song Leader— Janice Bachmann
Violin — Rae Ann Norell
Children's Message— Lin Cheek