

## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 22, 2009

10:50 AM

Again Jesus is questioned about his authority. Whence came the right to do what he did? What special insight enabled him to utter profound teachings? What source did he tap to perform healing deeds? Today it may be easier to answer such questions, but it is still as difficult to believe in his authority. Otherwise, why do some doubt him, deny him, and distrust him? Is he, or is he not, the Savior?

### GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

*Nursery care for infants and toddlers is available in the Educational Wing.*

### WELCOME/PASSING OF THE PEACE/MEDITATION

All are asked to complete the attendance register in the pew and pass it along to each person. Please indicate any prayer concerns also to be given to the ushers during the offering.

### Prelude

#### \*Call to Worship

God reigns; let the earth be glad God's word is truth; let all people rejoice.

**We bow before God's strength and majesty; we come in awe before God most high.**

Grace to you and peace from the One who is and was and is to come.

**God's rule is from everlasting and forevermore; all creation bows before God's holiness.**

Be gathered, then, by God's love and truth, to worship and make faithful witness.

**God is our righteousness and our peace. We come to be renewed in God's truth.**

#### \*Hymn

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

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#### \*Invocation

#### \*Hymn of Praise

*Let All Things Now Living*

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### PROCLAMATION

#### \*New Testament Reading

*Revelation 1:4b-8*

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The opening salutation to John's vision: "Grace to you from the one who was, and is and is to come, and from the seven spirits...and from Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

### Children's Message

Chris White

**Children's Church** (Children age 4 through 1<sup>st</sup> grade may go to the Children's Church Room)

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

Unison

**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.**

#### \*Hymn

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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#### \*Gospel Lesson

*John 18:33-37*

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Jesus answers the charge that some call him "King of the Jews:" "My kingdom is not from this world."

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

#### Message

*His Kingdom Comes*

Rev. Charles Swadley

### RESPONSE

#### Offertory Prayer

Unison

Let us pray: **No offering is complete unless we give ourselves with our substance. Take all that is yours and make us partners with Jesus Christ in your ministry of reconciliation. Use us as undershepherds, as instruments of Christ's continuing revelation in the Spirit, as witnesses who live and speak your truth day by day. Amen.**

#### Offertory Anthem

*We Gather Together*

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#### \*Doxology

Unison

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One, give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son. Repeat*

*And now let the weak say, "I am strong"; let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us. Repeat*

#### \*Apostles Creed

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**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### SENDING FORTH

#### Reception of New Members

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#### \*Hymn

*Jesus Shall Reign*

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#### \*Commission and Blessing

Go out to tell the world that God is alive and in charge.

**No evil can have the last word, for God is greater than any wrong.**

God calls us to creative living and prepares us for our time of dying.

**God is the Alpha and Omega, who is and was and is to come.**

Praise be to God who equips us for the life and ministry we share.

**Praise God for truth and righteousness and for peace that has no end. Amen.**

#### \*Benediction

#### \*Benediction Response

#### \*Postlude

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**Hearing devices** are available (special loops for hearing aids). Large print bulletins are now available. \*Please stand as you are able whenever you see this symbol. All **bold type** indicates congregational participation. As we worship, we are using the United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) and The Faith We Sing (TFWS). We do ask that you turn off all electronic equipment, including cell phones, as a courtesy to others. Nursery care for infants-preschoolers is available at the 10:50AM Service, in the educational wing. Please see an usher for assistance.

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**Welcome!** We are so pleased that you have chosen to worship with us on this day. Your presence is an encouragement and inspiration to us. Let us celebrate our faith and offer our thanks and praise to God for His blessings. If you desire to join our church, please speak to Rev. Charles Swadley or Rev. Bruce Lake. Membership occurs with Profession of Faith or a Letter of Transfer from another United Methodist Church or other Christian Church.

The **Flowers** on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Will Adams, by Helen, Paige and Lynn and dear friend, Linda Pomfrey. The **Acolytes** are Jay Wade and Lynette Any. The **Crucifer** is Jess Wade. The **Lay Reader** is Marc Schmidt. The **Lay Speaker** is Adam Kelchner. The **Greeter** is Judy Eddins. The **Outside Greeter** is Wes Fergusson. **First Response Team:** Buddy and Sylvia Arbogast.

**This morning during the** worship service, we welcome into our church family, Judith Foltz and Rao Prathipati. Rao is coming by way of profession of faith and Judith Foltz as a transfer.

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