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“No matter who you are, or where you are, you are welcome here!”

“Testify to the Truth”
Reign of Christ Sunday
Sunday Before Thanksgiving
November 24, 2024 – 10:00 a.m.

Worship Leaders:
Pastor: Michael Small
Liturgist: Chris Kolp
Special Music: Celebrate
Greeter:
Keyboard: Sabbastian Wilson-Webb

Tech: Aurora Diehl (Video), Esther Covert (Audio)
Spiritual Life, Chancel and Communion Preparation

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

† **HYMN** **“Now Thank We All Our God”** (vss. 2, 3, 4) #419

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Inspired by Psalm 132*)

One: Rise up, O God, dwell in the praise of your people. Make your home in our worship.

All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

One: Rise up, O God, remind us of your covenant and your commands. May your presence be a balm and your direction our guide.

All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

One: Rise up, O God, reign with power, wisdom and love. May your kingdom come full and complete.

All: Let your people be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

† For those who are able, please stand.

A TIME OF CENTERING

(During this time of centering, open your hearts to God; be in the present, here and now.)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

One: Sovereign God, the wind blows, the water flows, and the sun shines. All creation declares your majesty. In you, we move, live, and have our being. Be glorified in our worship. Be known by our testimony. We proclaim your goodness from the east and the west, from the north and the south. On countrysides and city blocks, you reign. In deep valleys and skyscrapers, we declare that your realm extends from everlasting to everlasting. We worship you, Holy One, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION AND NEW LIFE

All: Magnificent God, your greatness humbles us. Your love can be overwhelming and incomprehensible. Your attentive care takes our breath. We recognize that we sometimes suppress the holiness you have embedded in us. We keep silent when our witness could make a difference. We turn away when the pain we observe in others becomes more than we can bear. Renew our spirits, strengthen our resolve, and fortify our compassion to put testimony on our lips, in our posts, and through our lives for your kingdom. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

(Each person can take this time to surrender to God privately anything weighing heavy on their heart.)

WORDS OF GRACE

One: Dear one, God is sovereign and has chosen you to be a vessel of love, hope, and healing in the world. Creator has prepared you, and Spirit journeys beside you. And, as a community, we engage this work collectively. You are not alone. Heaven and earth join you with strength and grace. Rest in the peace and joy the reigns in Christ and through Christ as the kingdom comes.

† PASSING THE PEACE

One: The Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also, with you.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Are Still God”

Celebrate

Focus Scripture: John 18:33-38 *Priests for Equality. The Inclusive Bible* (pp. 2338-2339). Rowman & Littlefield Publishers. Kindle Edition.

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³³ So Pilate reentered the Praetorium and summoned Jesus. “Are you the King of the Jews?” asked Pilate.

³⁴ Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or have others told you about me?”

³⁵ Pilate replied, “Am I Jewish? It is your own people and the chief priests who hand you over to me. What have you done?”

³⁶ Jesus answered, “My realm is not of this world; if it belonged to this world, my people would have fought to keep me out of the hands of the Temple authorities. No, my realm is not of this world.”

³⁷ Pilate said, “So you’re a King?”

Jesus replied, “You say I’m a King. I was born and came into the world for one purpose—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who seeks the truth hears my voice.”

³⁸ “Truth? What is truth?” asked Pilate.

REFLECTION

“Testify to the Truth”

HYMN

“Crown with Your Richest Crowns” (vss. 3, 4, 5)

#301

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison, using debts)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“What I Am Thankful For”

Celebrate

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

One: Every good and perfect gift comes from above. Having received the bounty of creation, share a measure of the gifts God has given to fulfill unmet needs, to declare God’s goodness in tangible ways, and to testify to the kingdom.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

DOXOLOGY: *(as collection plates come forward)*

Tune #780

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

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PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGIVING

One: Generous God, we give you thanks for the opportunity to give our offering, to participate in ministry through our material resources, and to show our trust in your provision. Help us be good stewards and generous givers in your name and for your glory. Amen.

† HYMN

"For the Fruit of All Creation"

#425

PARTING WORDS

One: Go,
Hold fast to the reign of Christ
Proclaim the good news through word and deed
Make your life the demonstration
Keep love as your hope and guide
Testify to the truth
And the Sovereign God will be with you
Now and forever.

POSTLUDE

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Testify to the Truth: Service Prayers for Reign of Christ Sunday Year B was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

