

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 26, 2023

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.

Prelude Partita on Lancashire Kevin Hildebrand

Greeting

*Call to Worship

One: Worship God with gladness;

Many: Come into God's presence with singing.

One: It is God who made us, and to God we belong;

Many: We are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.

One: Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

Many: Give thanks to God, bless God's name.

**All: For God is good; God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.**

*Hymn

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

UMH 715

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love,
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

We soon shall hear th'arch-angel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

*Praise Songs

God You're So Good

God you're so good. God you are kind.
God you are wonderful. My God, you are excellent...

Excellent is Thy name. Excellent is Thy might.
God you are wonderful. My God you are excellent...

I Will Lift Up Your Name Higher

I will lift up your name higher...
Great Jehovah you are wonderful
I will lift up your name higher...

Common Prayer (*unison*)

**Eternal God, you set Jesus Christ to rule over all things,
and made us servants in your kingdom.
By your Spirit empower us to love the unloved,
and to minister to all in need.
Then at the last bring us to your eternal realm
where we may worship and adore you
and be welcomed into your everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

Children's Conversation

Announcement

Prayers of the People, & the Lord's Prayer

"Spirit of the Living God"

UMH 393

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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.

Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As, O Lord, your deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
use the love your Spirit kindles still to save and make us whole.

As we worship, grant us vision, till your love's revealing light
in its height and depth and greatness dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to tireless striving your abundant life to share.

Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go
to the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
that your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.

*Benediction

Postlude

Intrada

John Ireland

Worship Leaders: Desmond Cheetham, David Dagle, Chris Kerns, Byungmoo Lee, Marjorie Ness, Debbie O'Driscoll, David Potts, Jennifer Quansah, Gary Robinson, Chancel Choir, Ghanaian Choir, Worship Tech Team

Call to Worship – Psalm 100 ALT. *The New Testament and Psalms: An Inclusive Version*, Oxford Univ. Press.
Common Prayer – *Book of Common Worship*, Westminster/John Knox Press, 1993, p. 395.
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