



# Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 21, 2021**

**Christ the King**

(As the Prelude begins, you are invited to enter a time of prayer and meditation as we prepare to worship God together.)

**The Prelude**

*O How I Love Jesus*

19<sup>th</sup> Century USA Melody

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: Come, let us celebrate the goodness of God.

**People: God has blessed us with God's great love.**

Leader: Let us come to this time, letting go of our worries.

**People: Let us come to this time praising God.**

Leader: Come, now is the time to worship.

**People: We come rejoicing, for God is so good to us. Amen.**

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: We come this day, rejoicing,  
in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ.**

**At his birth the angels proclaimed  
his name to be Emmanuel, God with us.**

**Today in this place, in this time of worship,  
may we truly feel the power and presence  
of Jesus Christ in our lives.**

**May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged  
to proclaim with our lives,  
"Christ is Lord!". Amen.**

**The Hymn No. 166**

*All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine*

SINE NOMINE

1. All praise to thee, for thou. O King divine,  
didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
that in our troubled hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Thou cam'st to us in lowliness of thought;  
by thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
and by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
 who wast a servant that we might be free,  
 humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. Wherefore, by God's eternal purpose,  
 thou art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
 and given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. Let every tongue confess with one accord  
 in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
 and God eternal be by all adored:  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Words © 1940, 1943, renewed 1971 The Church Pension Fund.  
 Used with permission under ONE LICENSE #A-731785. All rights reserved.*

**The Scripture Lesson** John 18:33-37

**The Sermon** *What if Jesus Really is King?* Dr. Matthew D. Bates

**The Offertory Prayer**

**The Offertory Anthem** *Image of the Unseen God* Richard Hillert

Image of the unseen God,  
 Firstborn of creation,  
 Matrix of the spinning world,  
 Heavenly foundation;  
 Christ, now reigning from the cross,  
 Wondrous incarnation..  
 Dawn of light before all time,  
 Union of all being,  
 Of the mystic church, the head,  
 Source and the beginning:  
 Christ, now reigning from the cross,  
 Precious is your coming.

Firstborn of the blessed dead,  
 Dwelling of the Maker.  
 Concord of all things with God,  
 Wounded intercessor:  
 Christ, no reigning from the cross,  
 Glorious is your splendor.

Susan Palo Cherwien - based on Colossians 1:15-20

**The Prayers of the People**

The Silent Prayer  
 The Pastoral Prayer

**The Lord's Prayer No. 895**

**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 that 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.**

**The Hymn No. 715**

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

DARWALL'S 148th

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <p>1. Rejoice, the Lord is King!<br/>Your Lord and King adore;<br/>mortals, give thanks and sing,<br/>and triumph evermore.<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;<br/>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</p> <p>2. Jesus the Savior reigns,<br/>the God of truth and love;<br/>when he had purged our stains,<br/>he took his seat above.<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;<br/>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</p> | <p>3. His kingdom cannot fail;<br/>he rules o'er earth and heaven;<br/>the keys of earth and hell<br/>are to our Jesus given.<br/>Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;<br/>rejoice; again I say, rejoice.</p> <p>4. Rejoice in glorious hope!<br/>Jesus the Judge shall come,<br/>and take his servants up<br/>to their eternal home.<br/>We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;<br/>the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!</p> |
|--|--|

**The Benediction**

**The Postlude**

*Fanfare and Chorale*

Robert Hobby

*Copyright 1995 by Morning Star Music Publishers. All rights reserved.*

***Please welcome organ substitute Sharon Freude*** to our service today. Sharon as the organist/choirmaster at several Richmond churches and was Dean of the Richmond Chapter, American Guild of Organists, from 1997 to 1999. After retiring from St. Matthew's Episcopal Church she has continued playing organ as a substitute at many Richmond-area churches.

***Thank you to all the volunteers who helped us this morning and  
throughout the week to make this worship possible.***

# Scripture Readings

## John 18:33-37

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate entered the headquarters<sup>[a]</sup> again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?” <sup>35</sup> Pilate replied, “I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?” <sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.” <sup>37</sup> Pilate asked him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.”

## Colossians 1:15-20

### The Supremacy of Christ

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*Scripture quotations are from New Revised Standard Version Bible, © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights reserved worldwide.*