



Centenary  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**November 20, 2022**

**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**

*I Love to Tell the Story*

William G. Fischer

**The Introit**

The Lord is King! Lift up thy voice,  
O earth, and all ye heav'ns, rejoice!  
From world to world the song shall ring,  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

**The Call to Worship**

Leader: It is done.

**People: God has always been in charge—yesterday and today.**

Leader: Even when things seem out of control,

**People: God's reign is on its way.**

**All: Let us prepare the way for God.**

**The Hymn No. 157**

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
does its successive journeys run;  
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
2. To Jesus endless prayer be made,  
and endless praises crown his head;  
his name like sweet perfume shall rise  
with every morning sacrifice.
3. People and realms of every tongue  
dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
and infant voices shall proclaim  
their early blessings on his name.
4. Blessings abound where'er he reigns;  
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all who suffer want are blest.
5. Let every creature rise and bring  
honors peculiar to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud amen!

**The Opening Prayer**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

**All: Faithful God, expand our thankful imaginations:  
to time beyond our time,  
to wisdom beyond our wisdom,  
to strength beyond our strength.  
As we pray for your coming reign,  
remind us that the whole earth is already yours.  
Even as we pray for things not yet seen,  
help us celebrate your sure, eternal reign. Amen.**

### The Announcements

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Song of Zechariah page 208

Luke 1:68-79

*Gesangbuch der H. W. k. Hofkapelle*  
harm. by W. H. Monk



Hail to the Lord's A-noint-ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son.

### *Response*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,  
who has come to set the chosen people free.

**The Lord has raised up for us  
a mighty Savior from the house of David.**

Through the holy prophets, God promised of old  
to save us from our enemies,  
from the hands of all who hate us;

**to show mercy to our forebears  
and to remember the holy covenant.**

This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:  
**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
free to worship without fear,  
holy and righteous in the Lord's sight,  
all the days of our life.**

### *Response*

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give God's people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
**to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

### *Response*

### The Gospel Lesson

Luke 23:33-43

**The Hymn No. 2031***We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise*

SACRIFICE OF PRAISE

We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
We bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the Lord.  
And we offer up to you the sacrifices of thanksgiving;  
and we offer up to you the sacrifices of joy.

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**The Sermon***Royalty Redefined*

Dr. Matt Bates

**The Offertory Prayer****The Offertory Anthem***Christ the King*

Sussex Carol arranged by David Willcocks

Lift up your voices, with us sing  
Glad songs to Jesus, our Lord and King;  
For he has borne our grief and pain  
And sits upon his throne to reign.  
Sing now his truth both far and near;  
Sing peace, sing joy, that all may hear.

Oh, sing of his redeeming grace  
That all who will may now embrace;  
And sing of him who reigns above,  
Who rules with tenderness and love.  
To Christ the King your voices raise:  
Sing peace, sing joy, sing thanks and praise.

Robert Lind

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**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. 327***Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

- Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.
2. Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
  3. Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter sways  
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end, and round his pierced feet  
fair flowers of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.
  4. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

### **The Benediction**

**The Choral Response**            One Lord, one empire, all secures,  
he reigns, and heav'n and earth are yours;  
through earth and heav'n one song shall ring:  
"The Lord omnipotent is King!"

### **The Postlude**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
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Wilbur Held

***The altar flowers this morning are given by Vic and Nancy Grand  
in memory of Vic's sister, Beth Campbell.***

***Reminder! Help us know that you worshiped with us this morning  
by signing the online attendance pad [here](#).***

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

# Scriptures

## Luke 23:33-43

<sup>33</sup> When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup> Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup> And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup> The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine <sup>37</sup> and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup> There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup> Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup> He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

## *Welcome!*

Centenary United Methodist Church is a Reconciling Congregation, extending hospitality and encouraging full participation of all, regardless of age, race, national origin, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, education, economic background, and physical or mental ability.

We are glad that you have joined us today! If you are a new guest, we hope that you experience a warm welcome! Please return soon and consider us for your church home. If you are interested in church membership, please speak with a pastor.

**POINSETTIAS** - It is Centenary's tradition at Christmas to express honor and remembrance by donating poinsettias. The plants will be in the sanctuary for Dec. 18, 24 and 25. and will be available for pick up after the worship service on Dec. 25. Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs by the kitchen bulletin board. You may also [order online](#).

Those honored/remembered will be listed in a bulletin insert. Cost is \$25. Deadline for ordering is Dec. 11. Options for payment:

- send a check to the church
- put a check in the offering plate
- [pay online](#) (use Flowers-Altar in the pull-down menu)

**UPDATE FROM RISE AGAINST HUNGER** - We have received an update from Rise Against Hunger:

*The meals from your Rise Against Hunger Experience on 10/8/2022 have been shipped in a container totaling 285,120 meals from our Richmond warehouse. The meals will be received by our in-country partner, Convoy of Hope in Nicaragua. Thank you again for volunteering your time. Because of you, malnourished people have been given a chance to thrive.*

## *Upcoming Events*

### **THIS WEEK**

<b>November 20</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall
<b>November 21</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	Change the World/RVA
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Noon</b>	AA
<b>November 23</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	Wednesday Bible Study
<b>November 24</b>		<i>Happy Thanksgiving - Office Closed</i>
<b>November 25</b>		<i>Office Closed</i>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	In-person and Livestream Worship
	<b>11:30 am</b>	<i>The Chosen</i> - Social Hall

### **LOOKING AHEAD**

<b>December 11</b>	<b>10:30 am</b>	Lessons and Carols
<b>December 18</b>	<b>After Worship</b>	Centenary Family Christmas Lunch