



Centenary

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 26, 2023

Christ the King Sunday

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

Prelude

Trumpet tune in D

David Johnson

Choral Introit

O Worship the King

Call to Worship

Leader: O come, let us sing to the Lord;

People: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: For the Lord is a great God; a great ruler over heaven and earth!

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!

Prayer of Confession

Leader: With sincere and repentant hearts,
let us name our sins against Christ and one another.

People: Lord Jesus, Judge of the nations:

**We confess that we have not seen your face
among our neighbors in need.**

**We have not shared our food with the hungry;
we have not offered clothes to the destitute
or shelter to the homeless.**

**We have not welcomed the stranger,
nor have we visited prisoners.**

**We have not paid attention to these,
your sisters and brothers,
and in our neglect we have failed to serve you.**

**Lord, forgive us;
open our eyes to recognize your beloved family,
and give us the blessing of sincere repentance
that we may know the joy of eternal life with you
and all the saints in this world and in the world to come. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Brothers and sisters, God seeks the lost sheep and feeds them with justice. Forgiven and freed, turn, then, and live in Christ, our Lord.

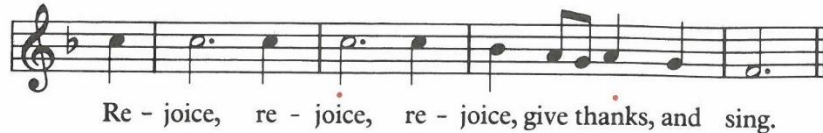
Announcements

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 100



Response

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
- 2 **Serve the Lord with gladness!**
Come into God's presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.
We are the Lord's;
we are the people of God,
the sheep of God's pasture.
- 4 Enter God's gates with thanksgiving,
and God's courts with praise!
Give thanks and bless God's name!
- 5 For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures for ever;
God's faithfulness to all generations.

Response

Epistle Reading

[Ephesians 1:15-23](#)

Hymn No. 77

How Great Thou Art

HOW GREAT THOU ART

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hand have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain

3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin; **Refrain**
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art! **Refrain**

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Gospel Reading

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Sermon

God Explained in One Word

Dr. Matt Bates

Offertory Prayer

Offertory Anthem

Praise We Sing to Thee

Josef Haydn/ Morten Luvaas

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Prayers of the People

The Silent Prayer
The Pastoral Prayer

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.

Benediction

Choral Response

O Worship the King

Postlude

Nun Danket alle Gott

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*The altar flowers this morning are given in honor of Bill & Libby Rhames' anniversary
by Mitzi Golod.*

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

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.

Announcements

CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS - It is Centenary's tradition at Christmas to express honor and remembrance by donating poinsettias. The plants will be in the sanctuary for December 24 and 31. They will be available for pick up after the 8:30 pm worship on December 24. Order forms are available at the back of the sanctuary and downstairs by the kitchen bulletin board. You may also order [online](#).

CENTENARY FAMILY CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Join us December 10 following the Advent Lessons and Carols service. Ham and biscuits will be provided. Please bring your favorite holiday side to share.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR MCGUIRE HOSPITAL. We will once again send Christmas greetings to our military veterans at McGuire Hospital this year. There will be a box located at the entrance to the Sanctuary for your cards. Deadline to contribute cards is December 17. Please address the envelopes with: To a Veteran, To a Hero, To a Brave Person, etc. Inside the card, please thank them for their service to our country, their devotion to freedom, their sacrifice, admiration for their service, etc. Please sign your card. Thank you for taking the time to acknowledge these women and men after all they have done in service to our country.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING – As our tradition, our Christmas Eve offering will go to United Methodist Family Services. UMFS is an unwavering champion for high-risk children and families in Virginia. UMFS serves children in foster care and children struggling with mental health and behavioral challenges. They provide foster care and adoption programs, specialized education schools, and mental health programs. Your support of UMFS through this offering will help high-risk children achieve a brighter future. Thank you for supporting this transformative ministry.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY –Wednesdays at 10:00am. Each week we will look at the scripture for the upcoming Sunday. An email is sent out every Tuesday with the Zoom link and all the details. If you would like to join us, contact the church office to be put on the email list.

Upcoming Events

November 27	5:00 pm	Change the World/RVA
November 28	Noon	AA
November 29	10:00 am	Bible Study – Zoom
November 30	7:00 pm	Being United Methodist Christians -Zoom
December 1	10:30 am Noon	Friday Lunch Program AA
December 3	10:30 am	In person & Online Worship