



United Methodist Church
of Westport and Weston

November 22, 2020
Christ the King Sunday

Our Vision is to Know, to Live and to Share the Love of Jesus Christ.

Livestream Worship – 10:00am

THOUGHT FOR MEDITATION

Psalm 100 (NRSV)

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
Know that the LORD is God.
It is God that made us, and we are God's;
we are God's people, and the sheep of God's pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to him, bless his name.
For the LORD is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and God's faithfulness to all generations.*

PRELUDE

You Are My All in All
Ahyoung Son, piano

D. Jernigan
arr. W. S. Moon

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Heather

CALL TO WORSHIP

Great and Glorious God, we gather to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, in reverent awe before your majesty.
Great is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Generous and Merciful God, we come to worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, giving thanks for your compassion.
Gracious is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!

Welcoming and Empowering God, we worship you.
We lift our eyes to you, and we celebrate your faithfulness.
Holy is the Lord our God, and greatly to be praised!
We lift our eyes, seeking to worship and praise our God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER

**Amazing God, you have allowed us the opportunity
during this year to walk the pathways of hope with Jesus.
From your incarnation in Christ at the Nativity,
to his acceptance of the ministries to which you called him;
from the magnificent lessons about caring and compassion,
to his journey on the roads leading to Jerusalem;
from the encounters with hostile people,
to the cries of those in need and to his crucifixion and resurrection;
we have been blessed to learn from our Savior
and have our lives transformed by his redeeming love.**

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**Bring the joy of this day into our hearts. Flood our lives with your words of hope that our ministries may glow with delight at serving you by serving others. Bless this church as we grow and continue to learn what you would have us do. Encourage us to be a haven of peace and hope in this world that is bound in such anger and fear.
For we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

HYMN

We Gather Together

UMH 131

Verse 1

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name, he forgets not his own.

Verse 2

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;
so from the beginning the fight we were winning;
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glory be thine!

Verse 3

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

MESSAGE FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN "I Will Thank God with All My Heart"

Pastor Heather

GOSPEL READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

Karol Brumit

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Dear Church... Thank you"

Rev. Heather A. M. Sinclair

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

GIVING THANKS FOR OUR GIFTS

The ministry of the church is ongoing during these days. Your gifts, tithes and offerings continue to allow us to "be the church." Checks may be sent to the church office or given online through our website. Your generosity is a blessing. Thank you.

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING – CONSECRATING OUR COMMITMENTS

O God, in whom the fullness of all creation dwells, we give our gifts and ourselves to you in humble praise and thanksgiving. The seasons are full of your presence. The church is blessed with the celebrations and remembrances of the year. Receive the offerings that come from our abundance, so that they may be used to bring your glory and honor, today and always. Amen.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING

Give Thanks
Chancel Choir

TFWS 2036

Chorus:

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.

Verse:

And now let the weak say, "I am strong";
let the poor say, "I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us."

Ending:

Give thanks!

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *You are invited to pray in the version and language of your heart.*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

UMH 155, vv. 1, 2, 4 & 6

Verse 1

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall, let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 2

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
ye ransomed from the fall, ye ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 4

Let every kindred, every tribe
on this terrestrial ball, on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,

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and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

Verse 6

O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him, crown him, crown him,
crown him, and crown him Lord of all.

GOING FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

How Great Is Our God
Ahyoung Son, keyboard

C. Tomlin,
J. Reeves & E. Cash

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Our Mission is:
To Know the love of Jesus in personal ways through worship, prayer and study
To Live the love of Jesus through acts of compassion, gentleness and justice
To Share the love of Jesus in our homes, our community and the world
To Welcome all of God's children regardless of age, race, ability,
sexual or gender orientation, and economic circumstance.

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