

Divine Street United Methodist Church
Sunday, November 21, 2021 – 11:00 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the “The Reign of Christ.” Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

All: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.

One: God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving; come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!

*OPENING PRAYER

All: With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. Almighty and everlasting God, you are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come. You are a ruler of a different kind, and it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of Creation. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* UMH 694

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE John 18:33-37 NT 105

SCRIPTURE Revelation 1:4b-8 NT 223

*HYMN *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* UMH 139

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

One: As followers of Jesus Christ, living in this world – which some seek to control, but which others view with despair – we declare with joy and trust: Our world belongs to God! From the beginning, through all the crises of our times, until his kingdom fully comes, God keeps covenant forever. Our world belongs to him! God is King! Let the earth be glad! Christ is Victor; his rule has begun. Hallelujah! The Spirit is at work, renewing creation. Praise the Lord!

All: We rejoice in the goodness of God, renounce the works of darkness, and dedicate ourselves to holy living. As covenant partners, called to faithful obedience, and set free for joyful praise, we offer our hearts and lives to do God's work in his world. With tempered impatience, eager to see injustice ended, we expect the Day of the Lord. And we are confident that the light which shines in the present darkness will fill the earth when Christ appears. Come, Lord Jesus! Our world belongs to you.

*HYMN *We Gather Together* UMH 131

*CELEBRATING OUR GIFTS AND OUR COMMITMENTS

*HYMN *Give Thanks* TFWS 2036

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: God of majesty and power, you have dominion over all the universe, and yet you chose to rule not in power but in love. The gifts we give to you are not given from fear or in petition for your favor, but in the deepest gratitude for all your blessings that keep us and sustain us. May our whole lives reflect to the world that there is one who rules us with love and compassion, above all this world’s nations and principalities. In the name of your Son, the Christ, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* (verses 1, 3, 6) UMH 117

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER UMH 895

*HYMN *Rejoice, the Lord Is King* UMH 715

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you are able.
OT = Bible, Old Testament
NT = Bible, New Testament

Bold type = All voices
UMH = United Methodist Hymnal
TFWS = The Faith We Sing

A PRAYER FOR COMMITMENT

You are invited to use this prayer each day in November and December as we prepare for the upcoming year.

Gracious God, as we join our hearts and efforts together, we faithfully consider the affairs, both temporal and spiritual, of Divine Street United Methodist Church. Bless us with unity of spirit and clarity of mind. Grant us wisdom and discernment as we consider the best means for preserving and enhancing the ministry of this great church. Empower us to be instruments of radical hospitality. Keep us mindful of the sacrifices made by those men and women who built this house of worship. Surrounded as we are by that great cloud of witnesses, let us boldly follow in their footsteps and together step forward in faith. Guide us into our future as we authentically and intentionally respond to your call. Amen.

Coming Worship Opportunities

November 21	Christ the King Sunday	Commitment Sunday
November 28	1 st Sunday in Advent	Hanging of the Greens
December 5	2 nd Sunday in Advent	White Christmas
December 12	3 rd Sunday in Advent	Angel Tree Sunday AND Lessons and Carols
December 19	4 th Sunday in Advent	Poinsettia Sunday
December 24	Christmas Eve	Candlelight and Communion Service (6:00 pm)
December 26	1 st Sunday after Christmas	Wesley Covenant Service

Lectionary Readings for Sunday, November 28

Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Psalms 25:1-10	Luke 21:25-36



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