

his presence into eternal punishment. But the godly and beloved ‘sheep’ will enter into eternal bliss.

L: The Word of God for the people of God. P: Praise to the Living Word.

CHANCEL CHOIR

SERMON: “The Reign of Christ in You” Pastor Clarissa

~INVITATION TO SHARING OUR TITHES, GIFTS, & OURSELVES~

DOXOLOGY: “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OFFERTORY PRAYER: (Unison)

All: God of mercy and compassion, what is the offering that pleases you most? Certainly, not the token gift that makes us feel we done all that is required, but a gift that reminds us that need is all around us, and compassion and love are needed desperately and can be given extravagantly. May the gifts we give through your church help the hungry, thirsty, the imprisoned; but may our whole being be centered on seeing the opportunities to personally make your love real to a hurting world. We follow in Christ’s holy, loving way. Amen. (Matthew 25:31-46)

*CLOSING HYMN: “Gather Us In” TFWS 2236

~ CHARGE & BENEDICTION~

L: We worship God in sanctuaries, in beautiful, holy spaces. But Christ has told us that if we want to find him in this world, we will seek out the lost, the least of his brothers and sisters—those who are hungry, thirsty, sick, in prison, naked and estranged. May we go forth this day with eyes open to seeing Christ in our world, and may we know God’s love by loving one another. May we love, not just in word and speech, but in truth and action.

Pastor: Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people. “Christ Has No Body,” – Teresa of Avila

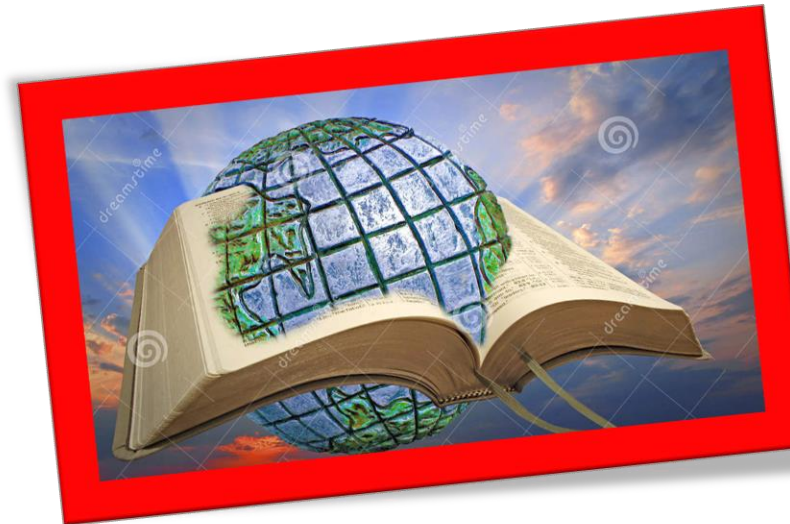
POSTLUDE



FIFTH AVE. UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

323 South 5th Ave. West Bend WI 53095

Reign of Christ Sunday ~ November 21, 2021~



Reign of Christ Sunday is a marker for the end of the liturgical year. It is a way of saying we wrap up a year’s worth of worship by claiming again whose we are. We reiterate our mission – to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the

world. The emphasis this week is in the middle – “of Jesus Christ.” That is the kind of disciple that we are. We aren’t disciples of our own wisdom; we aren’t disciples following the winds of this world. We are disciples of Jesus Christ.

We switch from the green of Ordinary Time to the white of Reign of Christ Sunday. As the last Sunday of the Christian year, this is a culmination of all that has gone before us, a reminder of the Christ we follow and our gratitude for all that we have done together, even during another heart wrenching and tough year.

Let there be a party atmosphere as we give thanks for God’s goodness and for our place in the body of Christ. This is Christ in his glory.

Liturgist

Rev. Clarissa L. Martinelli, Senior Pastor

“No Matter Who You Are or Where You Are on Life's Journey, You're Welcome Here”

*Note: L: denotes worship Leader ~ P: denotes People

~GATHERING GOD’S PEOPLE~

PRELUDE: “Be Thou My Vision” Arr. Brent Edstrom Vicki Roth, Pianist

~WELCOME~

GREETING:

Pastor: We begin a full and demanding agenda this week as we continue to practice Christian hospitality. Attention to the upcoming Thanksgiving celebration need not overshadow the Reign of Christ Sunday. These are easily complementary. Reign of Christ Sunday is an opportunity to be reminded who is the one we have chosen to follow. It is an opportunity to give thanks for the author of salvation and the one who has given us the gift of the church, the fellowship of the body that we celebrate each time we gather in person or online. Come siblings of Christ; see Christ, the Christ of glory and the Lord of us all, in the faces of the “least of these” as we find new ways to be thankful. Come!

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~5th AVE. JUNCTION - WHERE FAITH AND FAMILY COME TOGETHER~

HYMN: “Jesus Loves Me” vs. #1 UMH 191

~COME, LET US WORSHIP TOGETHER~

CENTERING MUSIC:

***CALLED TO WORSHIP:** (Unison/Responsively)

All: Into this place of worship, we bring the hopes and needs of all who find themselves in the dark places of the world; the grieving, the sick, the abused and the forgotten. Into this place of worship, we bring the hopes and dreams of all who have lost their purpose and vision; the rejected, the fallen, the disappointed and the discouraged. Into this place of worship, we bring the hopes and courage of all who serve and uplift others; the volunteers, the care-givers, veterans and the teachers.

L: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

P: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.

L: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

P: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.

L: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

P: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.

***PRAYING IN COMMUNITY:** (Unison)

All: God of love, you created us to love you and one another. We confess that we have sometimes limited that love to words, and failed to make that love real by our actions. We have failed to recognize Christ in the hungry, the thirsty, the homeless, the naked, the incarcerated and the sick. Too often, we have turned away from your presence, failing to share what we have with our Brothers and Sisters in need. Forgive us. Turn our hearts, and guide us to follow in your ways anew. Amen.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

L: In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God’s world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! **Amen.**

***HYMN:** “Surely the Presence of the Lord” UMH 328

~WE PROCLAIM~

John 18:37 The Passion Translation (TPT) (Unison)

Then Pilate responded, “Oh, so then you are a king?” “You are right.” Jesus said, “I was born a King, and I have come into this world to prove what truth really is. And everyone who loves the truth[d] will receive my words.”

Matthew 25:39-40; 46~ The Passion Translation (TPT) (Unison)

“Then the godly will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty and give you food and something to drink? When did we see you with no place to stay and invite you in? When did we see you poorly clothed and cover you? When did we see you sick and tenderly care for you, or in prison and visit you?’ “And the King will answer them, ‘Don’t you know? When you cared for one of the least of these, my little ones, my true brothers and sisters, you demonstrated love for me.’ And they, the goats, will depart from

~ THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST
for the REIGN of CHRIST SUNDAY~

Pastor: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. You exalted him as Lord of all creation that he might present to you an eternal and universal kingdom: a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love, and peace. Therefore, at the name of Jesus every knee shall bow as heaven and earth proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Pastor: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of fault into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “ Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All: we remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

Pastor: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **All: Amen.**

Pastor: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 who 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.

Pastor: Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

All: So, may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Pastor: The gifts of God for the People of God. **People: Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

People: Almighty God, you have made us a royal priesthood in the kingdom of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Make known his victory through us, we pray, that all the world may see his light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN SERMON REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

Scripture: Matthew 25: 31-46.

Preparation: pitcher of water, small cups

Prayer: God, thank you for filling us with your love. Be with us as we share our love with others. Amen.

Today is Christ the King Sunday! It is a special day in the church year, so today let's talk about kings.

I'm sure you all know about kings, even though America got rid of her king about 200 years ago! So, tell me about kings, what do king's wear? That's right, they wear a crown and they wear royal robes.

We know Jesus didn't wear a jeweled crown, he wore a different kind of crown, what was it? A crown of thorns! And Jesus didn't wear royal robes with white ermine down the front. He wore a simple robe and sandals. And Jesus didn't carry a scepter to show His power. He carried a old rugged cross and he carried all our sins to that cross too. And finally, Jesus doesn't want boxes of jewels and diamonds and gold coins. No, what Jesus wants to gather to Himself is our hearts and our love.

Yes, Jesus is a king, but a different kind of king than we're used to. He isn't a king with a gold and jewel crown, who has riches and jewels and servants, and who orders people and armies around. Jesus is a king, but the best kind of king. He is the King of Heaven (where he promises to take us), the King of Love (which he offers to us freely), the King of Sacrifice, who talks all of our sins and the things we do wrong, and He wipes them away.

Jesus doesn't want to be king of countries and armies, He wants to be the King of our hearts and our lives. He is the most wonderful King, the best kind of King, a King who wants to give us forgiveness, love, heaven, and eternal life with Him!

I have some water here to pass out to all of you. Today we are we are celebrating that Jesus is the one we call Lord and that he has shown us how to follow him and to know God. When you get water, hold on to it and don't drink it quite yet.

Starting with the older children fill their cups fairly full. Share the water out of the pitcher until it is empty. Then have them share with other children until their cups are empty. God pours all of God's love into you and wants you like a fountain, to pour it out to others. When you think that you have run out God keeps pouring (pull an extra pitcher full of water out from a hiding

spot). What are some ways that we can pour God's love into other people? (Accept all answers—emphasize that when we give food, water, shelter, clothes or help of any kind we are helping others and we are serving God. This is how we show and act in love)

We are so blessed that God loves us so much and give us all of God's love every day. Let's tell everyone we know about this love!

Go ahead and drink your water imagining God filling you up with love.

Blessing: Remember God is with us always:

- God in my head
- God in my heart
- God on my left
- God on my right

Let's thank God for sending Christ the King to us!

Dear God, thank you for being the kind of King who doesn't want gold and power and treasure, but a King who wants our hearts and love. Thank you for being a King who wants to give everything that is good to his people, and to us, his little children. Thank you for having Christ the King go to the cross for each one of us, to wash away our sins. And thank you for the home is preparing for us in heaven. Amen

*Have a joyous
and blessed
Thanksgiving!*



Go out into the world in peace, and in Christ's name be – the humble who make others proud the poor who have riches to share; the weak who help others be strong; the empty who overflows with loving kindness. And the largeness of the love of God, and the treasure of the grace of Christ Jesus, and the buoyant health of the Holy Spirit will be with you now and forever. Amen. 1 Timothy 3:8–13.

Chair, Accountable Leadership Board – For the ram in the bush, we give God high praise!

There is an opportunity for a Co-chair position of ALB. Will you come and serve?

FAUMC Lay Leader & Lay Servant Speaker – Volunteer has stepped forward. Amen!

Staff Pastor and Parish Relations (SPPRC) - Vacant Positions: future SPPRC Co-chair (s) to allow for adequate training and turnover.

Board of Trustees Co-Chairperson and Trustee Team - Vacant Positions: ALB Trustee Co-Chair will be stepping down in December 2021. There is an urgent need for Trustees Team members. At this time there is only one person conducting or coordinating the maintenance and repairs for the entire church. Urgent request for this position.

Volunteers for Trustees has stepped forward. – With give God thanks!

Christian Education Co-Chair(s) and Team - Vacant Positions: Christian Education Co-Chair(s) and Teachers.

Visitation Coordinator - This is a priority vacancy.

God asks the church to be a community of people sharing a common purpose and fellowship, continually growing in faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God. Each one of us are sent out to visit those who are unable to attend church gatherings; this includes the sick and the homebound, those in assisted care facilities, and those in the hospital. We continue to “Live Jesus” as we bring warmth, smiles, and our love to those who cannot be physically with us. In the church we are specifically asked to “bear one another’s burdens” (Gal. 6:12) and “encourage one another” (1 Thess. 5:11). People come to the church because they believe that in the body of Christ they will be cared for, challenged to grow and supported in their times of difficulty.

Lay Servant Speaker - is one of the significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this system of equipping and empowering, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

We invite all persons that have been blessed with the gift of teaching, preaching, or apply themselves to the service of God to attend an upcoming Lay Servant Ministries Certification course. Lay ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. As Christians we are all called to this ministry or priesthood—not just clergy. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.

The apostle Paul wrote to the evangelist Timothy, *do everything you can to present yourself to God as a man (person) who is fully genuine, a worker unashamed of your mission, a guide capable of leading others along the correct path defined by the word of truth.*

Such a person has come forward! We give God thanks and praise!! Will you come and serve God's people?

Nothing will help us more to please God than to handle carefully and correctly God's written word. We should look to the written word of God with the same reverence as the psalmist who wrote, thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path (Psalm 119:105).

Prison and Jail Ministry – The Fifth Ave. Prison and Jail Ministries brings hope and encouragement to those within the prison and jail walls. Acting as an arm of the local church and empowered by the Spirit of God, we:

- Touch lives with Christian love
- Present the Gospel in clear and understandable terms
- Nurture new believers in faith and discipleship
- Facilitate contacts with churches and Christians on the outside

Communion Coordinator(s) and Communion Stewards- set-up for or coordinate the setting up of Holy Communion on 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month or as required by senior pastor or special worship.

Two persons have come forward to be responsible for the preparation of the bread, wine and the communion ware for use in the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. There is still room for others to serve on this sacred team. Do this in remembrance of me!

Liturgist - The word “liturgist” in Greek means “work of the people”. Serving as liturgist gives an opportunity for members of the congregation to become more involved in worship. This involves leading the Call to Worship, reading the scriptures, and assisting when Communion is served. Liturgist Training is provided. Please contact Ms. Jean Krell to volunteer.

Several persons have said, “Yes”! There is room for you. Lord inn your mercy, hear our prayer.

Guest Services Coordinator - The Guest Services Coordinator is responsible for all components related to delivering an extraordinary guest experience at all Sunday Worship Services and special events at FAUMC.

Annual Conference Lay Delegates (2 delegates) - Effective Lay Member of Annual Conference informs the congregation about The United Methodist Church in the conference and around the world.

One delegate has answered the call to serve. In Jesus name. Amen.

Fellowship Kitchen Coordinators – FILLED! Hallelujah!

Decoration Coordinator – FILLED! Praise the Lord!

United Methodist Men/Fifth Ave. UMC Men’s Ministry - involves men in a growing relationship to Jesus Christ and his church and provides resources and support for programs of evangelism, stewardship and the needs of men.

The leader or leaders of this ministry will partner with the pastor, to invite and initiate spiritual growth opportunities for all men of the church. Helping men to mature as disciples as they encourage spiritual formation in others. To empower the ministry of Jesus Christ through men within the congregations of the UMC.

Where are you being called to serve?