



*An Open & Affirming, Creation Justice
Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

20 November 2022 – 10:30 AM

Reign of Christ

Thanksgiving Sunday

PRELUDE

Vlada Volkova-Moran, organist

WELCOME

The Rev. David Pattee, pastor

*GATHERING SONG #742 1) in unison 2) repeated as a round

**Gathered here in the mystery of this hour,
Gathered here in one strong body,
Gathered here in the struggle and the power,
Spirit draw near.**

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Melodee Kistner, liturgist

One: Rejoice in the light of this day, even though there may be cloud and storm.

All: God speaks and meets us here.

One: Gather in the spirit of Jesus, whose name we bear.

All: We share the Good News that Christ's love and justice reign.

One: The Spirit inspires us here that together we might serve.

All: God's word is on our tongues, that the world may believe.

*HYMN 422 (hymn sheet)

Come, O Thankful People, Come

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

Earth-Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer, Source of all that is and all that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God in whom is Heaven:

May the hallowing of your name echo through the universe.

May your Heavenly will be done by all creatures great and small.

And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need this day, feed us. For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.

Through times of temptation, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love.

*GREETING OF PEACE

WORD MADE PLAIN

children are invited to gather at the front of the sanctuary

ANTHEM

from *The Muppet's Christmas Carol*

Paul Williams

The congregation joins in singing

Bless us all that as we live

We always comfort and forgive.

We have so much that we can share

With those in need we see around us everywhere.

³³When 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. [³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'
³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

ANTHEM

A Hymn for Our Time
 Chancel Choir • Cheryl Anderson, director

John Ness Beck

SERMON

In Our End Is Our Beginning

Pastor Dave

HYMN 433 [seated] (see insert)

In the Bulb There Is A Flower

PROMISE

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

OFFERTORY

Invitation

www.PeaceUnited.org/giving

Offertory Music

May the Light of Love

Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano

David Roth

*COVENANT

We covenant with God and with each other:**to walk together in all God's ways as the Holy is revealed to us;****to give ourselves freely and without reserve to Jesus' ministry in this church;****to celebrate through worship God's amazing gifts of unity and diversity;****to take up Christ's mission around the world, striving for justice and peace;****to care for the earth and all her creatures, reconciling ourselves to them in love;****for God gives immeasurable grace into all life and every life.**

*HYMN

I thank You, Jesus. I thank You, Jesus.**I thank You, Jesus, I thank You Lord,****Oh, You've brought me yes, you've brought me from a mighty,****A mighty long way, A mighty long way.****You've been my mother. You've been my father.****You've been my sister, my brother too;****Oh, You've brought me yes, you've brought me from a mighty,****A mighty long way, A mighty long way.****You've been my doctor. You've been my lawyer.****You've been my teacher, my friend indeed;****Oh, You've brought me yes, you've brought me from a mighty,****A mighty long way, A mighty long way.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Lori Rivera, vocals • Art Alm, piano