



Bethlehem

United Methodist Church

OCTOBER 17, 2021

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

GATHERING AND PRAISE

CALL TO WORSHIP

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” (UMH #328)

**Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace
I can feel the rush of angel’s wings, I see glory on each face,
Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

OPENING PRAYER

Christ Jesus, help us to celebrate and claim your rule in our lives. Give us a glimpse of your kingdom, that we might better learn how to live as people of your promises. We ask this through your Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (UMH #327)

**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.**

**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.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scepter ways
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 flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet!**

**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.**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN

CALL TO PRAYER

“There’s Something About That Name” (UMH #171)

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There’s just something about that name!
Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:
Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there’s something about that name!**

MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

THANKSGIVING for OFFERING, TITHES, AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:1-10

4¹⁴ Also, let's hold on to the confession since we have a great high priest who passed through the heavens, who is Jesus, God's Son; **15** because we don't have a high priest who can't sympathize with our weaknesses but instead one who was tempted in every way that we are, except without sin.

16 Finally, let's draw near to the throne of favor with confidence so that we can receive mercy and find grace when we need help.

5¹ Every high priest is taken from the people and put in charge of things that relate to God for their sake, in order to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. **2** The high priest is able to deal gently with the ignorant and those who are misled since he himself is prone to weakness. **3** Because of his weakness, he must offer sacrifices for his own sins as well as for the people. **4** No one takes this honor for themselves but takes it only when they are called by God, just like Aaron.

5 In the same way Christ also didn't promote himself to become high priest. Instead, it was the one who said to him,

You are my Son. Today I have become your Father,

6 as he also says in another place,

You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek,

7 During his days on earth, Christ offered prayers and requests with loud cries and tears as his sacrifices to the one who was able to save him from death. He was heard because of his godly devotion. **8** Although he was a Son, he learned obedience from what he suffered. **9** After he had been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for everyone who obeys him. **10** He was appointed by God to be a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

SPECIAL MUSIC

SERMON

"Jesus, Our Great High Priest "

David Lord

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN

“What Gift Can We Bring” (UMH #87)

What gift can we bring, what present, what token?
What words can convey it, the joy of this day?
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
what song can we offer in honor and praise?

Give thanks for the past, for those who had vision,
who planted and watered so dreams could come true.

Give thanks for the now, for study, for worship,
for mission that bids us turn prayer into deed.

Give thanks for tomorrow, full of surprises,
for knowing whatever tomorrow may bring,
the Word is our promise always, forever;
we rest in God's keeping and live in God's love.

This gift we now bring, this present, this token,
these words can't convey it, the joy of this day!
When grateful we come, remembering, rejoicing,
this song we now offer in honor and praise!

SENDING FORTH

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

“Freely, Freely” (UHM #143)

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name,
And in Jesus' name I come to you, to share his love as he told me to.
He said, “Freely, freely you have received, freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe, others will know that I live.”