REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 23, 2025
11:00 AM

As a courtesy to others, please silence your phone.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

RINGING OF THE BELLS

LIFE OF THE CHURCH Rev. Timothy T. Boggess

PRELUDE *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* arr. Paul Manz

from Psalm 47

CALL TO WORSHIP Susan McDonald

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud shouts of joy.
For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the king of all the earth.

***HYMN 268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* DIADEMATA

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 love;
behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end;
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet. *(continued next page)*

* Please rise in body or in spirit.

Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time;
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Lord Jesus,
you came among us as one who serves,
yet we cling to privilege and pride.
You showed us that true greatness is found in humility,
yet we chase after our own importance.
Forgive us, O Lord.
Empty us of selfish ambition
and fill us with your servant's heart.
Teach us to follow your example –
to take the lowest place,
to lift up the weary,
and to find joy in serving others
for your sake and in your name.

(a moment for silent reflection)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God.

***SONG OF JOY 37** (v. 1) *Let All Things Now Living* ASH GROVE

Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us;
pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished,
all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

MOMENT FOR DISCIPLESHIP - INVEST IN CHILDREN Elaine Moffitt

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *All Things Bright and Beautiful* John Rutter
(The Chancel Choir)

Refrain:
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors; God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)

The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING Luke 22:24-27

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *The Greatest* Rev. Boggess

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Henri Luke Cohello son of Vanessa Cohello

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Susan McDonald

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 debts,
as we forgive our debtors:
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* arr. Steven Phillips
(Isaac Mingus, upright bass)

*__DOXOLOGY 607__ *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

from *The Study Catechism* (1998)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Susan McDonald

How did Jesus Christ fulfill the office of king?
He was the Lord who took the form of a servant;
he perfected royal power in weakness.
With no sword but the sword of righteousness,
and no power but the power of love,
Christ defeated sin, evil and death
by reigning from the cross.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***HYMN 36** *For the Fruit of All Creation* AR HYDY NOS

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Rev. Boggess

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

The postlude concludes our worship today. It's the custom of this congregation to sit and enter into this moment with gratitude and celebration.

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