



Kent United Church of Christ

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, ACCESSIBLE TO ALL, and W.I.S.E. CONGREGATION

Reign of Christ/Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 20, 2022

PRELUDE

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst, arr. Anthony Giamanco

GREETING

Rev. Gene Fisher, sabbatical pastor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pam Quellhorst, liturgist

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

We gather to celebrate another day that God has kept us.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change.

We gather to bear witness to all that God has done for us.

Come, behold the works of God!

We gather to worship our God who loves and protects us.

*OPENING HYMN #419

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

*INVOCATION

Pam Quellhorst

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**
May that peace be with you today and always.
And also with you.

CHILDREN'S SNAP CHAT

Pastor Gene

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" is sung to bless our children as they depart

Je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren, All the chil - dren of the world. Ev' - ry
co - lor, shape and size, they are pre - cious in his eyes. je - sus loves the lit - tle chil - dren of the world.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF COLOSSIANS

Pam Quellhorst

Colossians 1:11-20

Here ends the reading from God's Word.

Thanks be to God, who is still speaking.

SERMON

Sustainable Power & Renewable Energy

Pastor Gene

SPECIAL MUSIC

We Gather Together
Handbell Choir

arr. Kenny McChesney

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Gene

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Creator
who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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 kin-dom,
and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

HYMN OF COMMITMENT #376

God, We Thank You for Our People

HOLY MANNA

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Pastor Gene

VOLUNTARY INTERLUDE

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.**

*BLESSING OF THE GIFTS

CLOSING LITANY OF SABBATICAL MINISTRY

Jeff Roeger, moderator

Moderator: O God, you have bound us together for a time as sabbatical pastor and people to work for the advancement of your kin-dom at Kent United Church of Christ. We give you humble and hearty thanks for the ministry which we have shared during the season of sabbatical rest & renewal for Pastor Amy.

All: O God, we thank You for your patience with us. We thank You for offering us your forgiveness and mercy. Especially we thank You for your presence with us through this time, and for the deeper knowledge of you and of each other which we have gained. We thank You for opening our hearts and minds again and again to your Word, and for feeding us abundantly by Your Holy Spirit.

Moderator: Let us pray together:

All: O God, whose everlasting love for us all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time when we were together here in your name saw our laughter, our tears, our hopes and our disappointments. Guide us as we continue to journey together as a church family. As we await the return of Pastor Amy from sabbatical, help us to be anticipatory for our time back together in ministry, as pastor and congregation, and to be expectant of the hope and the vision You have given her for Kent United Church of Christ. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Moderator: Pastor Gene, we wish you joy on your journey as you begin again retirement, surrounded by our love and by the promises of God, the presence of Jesus Christ, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We send you into the world in peace to love and to serve the Lord!

All: To God be the glory. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #423

Great Is Your Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Gene

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

arr. Anna Laura Page



Our service has ended. Now our service begins.

The chancel flowers are a gift from David and Kay Hansford in celebration of the season.