

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, November 21, 2021

Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday

➤ ➤ ➤ We Come Together As Christ's Body ◀ ◀ ◀

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of the congregation, I will praise you.

People: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name!

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name for ever and ever.

People: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and God's greatness is unsearchable.

HYMN/MUSIC Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken (UMH 731) https://youtu.be/3_CHF4gRyfl

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God,

we are grateful that you have led us in the past
and will continue to lead us in the future.

Thank you that your faithfulness to us does not depend upon our faithfulness to you,
for often we have failed to follow your leadership.

We have sown seeds of war, not peace;

we have spoken words of anger, not love;

we have failed to build bridges with people in our neighborhoods
when we should reach out to them in Jesus's name.

We repent of these sins and ask your forgiveness.

Change our hearts and give us the strength

to walk in the ways of reconciliation and peace.

We pray this through Christ, our Lord,

who showed us how to live this way to your glory.

Amen.

▼ ▼ ▼ We Receive God's Word ▼ ▼ ▼

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace and peace to you from the one who is and was and is coming, and from the seven spirits that are before God's throne, and from Jesus Christ—the faithful witness, the firstborn from among the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To the one who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, who made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father—to him be glory and power forever and always. Amen.

Look, he is coming with the clouds! Every eye will see him, including those who pierced him, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn because of him. This is so. Amen. “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “the one who is and was and is coming, the Almighty.”

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

VIDEO

Clip from the 1991 movie “City Slickers”

MESSAGE

One Thing

Pastor Jim Fu

HYMN / MUSIC Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Living (UMH 313) <https://youtu.be/TIRuozXbj7A>

▲ ▲ ▲ We Respond To God’s Word ▲ ▲ ▲

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO SHARE OUR GIFTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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!

HYMN / MUSIC Hail Thou Once Despised Jesus (UMH 325) <https://youtu.be/AS4ot7PctM>

BENEDICTION

What does the Lord require of you as you go from this place but
to do justice,
to love mercy,
and to walk humbly with God?
In the name of Jesus Christ,
go to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Amen.

Announcements for November 21, 2021

Reminder about the Pastor's Sabbath Day

Just a reminder that Pastor Jim takes Friday as his weekly Sabbath day and will generally not be doing any church business or responding to any non-emergency communications on that day. Please call or text him directly on his cell phone at 847-989-2580 for any emergency needs.

Supporting Those in Need

With the continuing uncertainty of the pandemic, Grace Café is canceled for the 2021-2022 season by the participating churches. As an alternative, we are asking everyone to donate a little extra in their weekly offering to help support the Elmhurst-Yorkfield Food Pantry. Please continue to make your offering checks payable to the church, and simply write how much you would like sent to the food pantry in the memo field of the check! It's that easy, and the Finance team will take care of the rest! Thank you in advance for showing the love of Christ is all who are in need!

Christmas Cards Becky has a friend who is heading up an effort to make Christmas a little happier this year for residents of Concord Place Retirement Community in Northlake. Her friend is asking for people to write a note in a Christmas card so all of the residents receive at least one card. If you would like to join this effort, please let Becky know by November 29th. Completed cards need to be back to Becky by December 6th. Cards will be provided. Christmas Mission Since we will not be sponsoring a family from Churchville Middle School for Christmas this year, we are looking for an outlet where the church can donate money, presents and/or meals to in order to help needy families. If you have any suggestions, please let Pastor Jim or Becky know.

Save the date!

Charge Conference is scheduled for December 11th from 1pm-2pm in the church sanctuary. SPRC will meet in the north room from 12:30pm-1pm. Zoom info will be provided soon for those who cannot attend in person.

BSA Bankruptcy Update

In the last month, the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) sent legal packets regarding their bankruptcy case to local churches that have or are currently sponsoring troops. These documents are nontransparent and hard to decipher. The guidance anticipated from the denomination on how to proceed with the documents has been delayed, and we expect more information in the coming weeks. The church lay leadership, as comprised by the Administrative Council, and anyone else who is interested should take note of the following events:

- **Attend the Special Charge Conference of December 5, at 2:00 p.m. over Zoom:** The General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) of The United Methodist Church has determined that only a church/charge conference can decide how the local church will vote on the BSA reorganization plan. Therefore, we will be having a special church/charge conference on December 5 at 2:00 p.m. over Zoom. At this special conference, we will determine how we will vote upon the BSA reorganization plan. Please watch your email, the December Newsletter, and the regular Sunday bulletins for more information.

- **Attend the Conference Webinar on November 29 at 7:00 p.m.:** The Northern Illinois Conference is holding a webinar on November 29 at 7:00 p.m. to relay the guidance from the denomination and prepare us for the special charge/church conference. All members of the Administrative Council, the Board of Trustees, and anyone else interested is ***strongly encouraged*** to attend. You must register to participate in the webinar by clicking [here](#) or copying this URL into your browser: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpc-Crqi8qGtA-5VoJB6g7qslalQ0jdSt>.
- **Watch the Introductory Video:** The Northern Illinois Conference has prepared an introductory video to explain the need for the special charge/church conference and what is happening with the BSA Bankruptcy case. You may view the video here: <https://vimeo.com/645011373>.

Church Schedule

Sunday	November 21 st	Latter Rain	North room	12pm-5pm
Monday	November 22 nd	T117G	West room	7pm-9pm
		T117B	North room	7pm-9pm
Wednesday	November 24 th	NO AD COUNCIL MEETING		
Sunday	November 28 th	Latter Rain	North room	12pm-5pm