

A Service of Worship for Sunday Morning

Reign of Christ / Christ the King Sunday - Thanksgiving

November 20, 2022

Moment of Fellowship, Sharing and Announcements

Acts of Hands and Feet, Thank Bank

Prelude

Gail Powell

"Give Thanks"

Call to Worship

L: Let the Nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon the earth.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

L: The Earth has brought forth its increase. May God, our own God, bless us.

P: Let all the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Invocation

Pastor Ben Shaeffer

Hymns of Praise*

#694 vs 1, 4

"Come Ye Thankful People, Come"

Affirmation of Faith

#881

"The Apostle's Creed, Traditional"

Thanksgiving Litany (By Rev. Earlynne Bartley, friend of Rev. Mike Shuford)

L: O Holy Seed of all that is born of earth, sea and sky, awaken our senses so that we might see the goodness that still flows from Eden; goodness that still springs forth abundant life.

P: We thank you, Holy One, that we can plant nurture and gather in the harvest as instruments of your love and grace.

L: To smell the fragrance of what grows in the ground; to touch its textures and to taste its sweetness is life's simple pleasure. Jams and jellies, potatoes and bread, sweet corn and grapes fresh of the vine.

P: We offer our thanks to you, God, for the fertile ground, for the strong seed and for the Earth's unfolding scent and color.

L: We delight in the leaves that shimmer in the morning sun, showers of rain that wash the earth, stars that emerge out of evening skies and the tapestry of color on quilts that wrap us in warmth and love, just as you wrap us in the warmth of your love

P: O God of delight, just as your spirit is woven in the fabric of creation so weave your spirit into us that we might be for others the quilt of warmth and love.

L: The passionate yearnings that are planted deep in our soul for you, O Holy One. they grow – green at first and then ripen into the fullness of your love, producing the fruits of your spirit.

P: For the bounty and harvest of the fruit of the spirit; faith, love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity and self-control, we give you thanks.

L: O gracious One, we gather together to sing, dance and praise you for the goodness of life which is found in you. We are grateful beyond words for this harvest of Blessings that you have poured on us, as your people.

P: Let us be guided by your wisdom, O Christ, that we may in turn be a harvest of Blessings for others, a harvest of Blessings to be justly shared. Amen

God's Kids

Connie Cronk

(Children ages 3-10 are excused to Sunday School)

Prayers for our community, church and world

Silent Meditation

The Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Ben

The Lord's Prayer

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of Dedication

The Offertory

Gail Powell

"In Thanksgiving Let Us Praise Him"

The Doxology

Special Music

CE Holder

"He Is Good"

Scripture

Colossians 1:11-20

Message

Pastor Ben

"The Reign of Christ"

Hymn of Dedication

#102 vs. 1, 3

"Now Thank We All Our God"

Benediction*

Congregational Response*

#898

"Three Fold Amen"

Postlude*

Gail Powell

"We Gather Together"

*Stand if you are able

Today's flowers have been provided by Holly for Pat and Gail's anniversary

Prayer List

Dooley Miller	Mike Carver
Family of Patricia Schandavel	Lauren Denty
The Mauldin family	George Marshall
Vicki Palay	David Cronk
Joan Ensley	Dianne Mills
Tink & Brandy	Gladys Campbell
All Shut-ins & Care Givers	Those impacted by natural disasters
The People of Ukraine	Our Nation and Leaders
Our Armed Forces at home and abroad	

Attendance for Nov. 13: 42

Upcoming Activities:

Sun., Nov. 27: 9:45 am, Sunday School

11:00 am, 1st Sunday of Advent, "Hanging of the Greens" Service

Wed., Nov. 30 5:30PM Awesome Wednesday Evening Advent Dinner

Nov. 30: 6:00 pm, Admin. Council meeting

Nov. 30 7:00PM AWE Wednesday Advent study

Sat. Dec. 10: 12 pm, UWF Christmas Lunch at Shoney's.

Special info:

- **Flowers:** Please sign up for Sunday Altar flowers on the Flower Chart on the bulletin board in the hall outside of the Pastor's office.
- **Phone Tree:** If you want to get announcements by phone and you are not on the list or need to change your number, please call or text Gwyn McIntosh (734-7746)
- **Any announcements for the bulletin or Birthday corrections or additions:** Call or text Gwyn McIntosh at 734-7746 or email at highlandgal@charter.net. no later than the Wednesday of the week before.
- **Church facility use:** Please check the calendar (in the hall next to the Pastor's office) for available dates then contact Pastor Ben, Nancy Hyatt (456-9580) or Boots Medford (456-9250) for approval.

Words For Thought (Colossians 1:11-14)

¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you¹¹ to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sermon Notes:

What are you thankful for?

How does Christ Reign in your heart?