

*The Prayer of Dedication (*in unison*) UMC Disciples Ministry
Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On Calvary's cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule, what it meant to be a king. In his life, teaching and interacting with people, Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we in this season live and give in a way that reflects the reign over us and the one who lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

*FINAL HYMN *Holy Holy Holy* (See insert)

*THE BENEDICTION

We remember in our prayers: Amy Poole, Joe Dee, Kathleen Grigg, George & Pat Greene, Jeff Sewall, Dottie, a family member of the Boudin family and friend, Suzanne, Greg Foster and his son, Joel, a neighbor of Susan Greene, Ginny Kroitzch, The family of Joe Evans, Carol & Eric Johnsen, the Betancourt family, and our neighbors at the Edgecomb Green.

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Service of Worship

The Reign of Christ - Sunday, November 20, 2022

WELCOME Rev. Kate Pinkham

SOUNDING THE CHURCH BELL

PRELUDE *Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee*

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

*GREETING AND CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Come and worship Christ,

the visible image of the invisible God,

the firstborn of creation,

the eternal God:

the one through whom all things were created,

and in whom all things are held together.

This is our God!

Let's worship together.

*HYMN *I Heard the Voice Of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Come unto Me and rest;

Lay down, thou weary one, lay down,

Thy head upon My breast."

I came to Jesus as I was,

Weary and worn and sad;

I found in Him a resting-place,

And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,

"Behold, I freely give

The living water; thirsty one,

Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream.
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's Light.
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of Life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done.

*THE OPENING PRAYER (*in unison*)

Lord of light and life, we come to you this day in celebration of the witness of your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to his words for us. Help us to be faithful disciples for you; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen

*Prayer response – Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*)

**Sovereign God, we confess we have given idols power over us,
the idols of power and wealth, fame and security.
We confess we have fallen into the ways of this world
and have forgotten our kindred in Christ.
We have lost sight of the reign of God here on earth,
and instead have allowed the idols of the world to rule over us.**

Forgive us.

**Call us into Your reign,
to declare You are the One who has power over us
because Your power is love.**

**Call us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
and to work for justice, show mercy, and love one another
in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (*responsive*)

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 23: 33-43

SERMON The Reign of the True Ruler

*HYMN #2 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*
Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE MORNING OFFERING

*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.*