

Sunday Worship
November 23, 2025 10:00 am

**Denotes Standing, in body and/or spirit*

Worship Theme: Christ the King

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Come You Thankful People Come" Gerald Peterson

Welcome & Announcements (see insert) Darlene Dobler-Palin

***Call to Worship (Responsively)** Luke 1 Leader

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

People: **He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David**

Leader: as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

People: **that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.**

Leader: Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant,

People: **the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.**

***Opening Hymn** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" UMH #103
(v. 1,3,4)

***Opening Prayer (Unison)** by a UMCM Angel Leader
Almighty Father, thank You for the precious gift of your Son Jesus Christ, our King, and for the hope of His kingdom. We stand at the close of this liturgical year in awe of your goodness; grateful for being our constant provider. Please soften our hearts to let you in and let you lead us according to Your will, for you are Lord over our lives. *Rescue us from the power of darkness.* May all come to you with convicted hearts filled with love, peace, and mercy as we wait for your triumphant return. To You we give all honor, glory and praise. In Jesus name. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Offering the Peace of Christ

CHOIR ANTHEM

"Simple Thanks"

Nancy Price
Don Besig

Celebration of Gratitude and Commitment

A Time for Children of All Ages

Song: "Now We Give Thanks"

WE PROCLAIM THE WORD OF GOD

New Testament Lesson: [Colossians 1:11-20](#) (NRSV)

Leader

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

***Gospel Lesson:** [Luke 23:33-43](#) (NRSV)

Lector: The Word of God for the People of God

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Message

"It is Finished"

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD

***Hymn of Response**

"How Great is Our God"

WS #3003

We Lift Up to God Our Prayers and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

***Doxology**

The Offering of our Gifts

Offering Prayer (Unison)

Holy Jesus, as we approach your altar, we remember the cross. It is empty in front of us because you defeated death in order to fulfill your promise to be *with us always, to the very end of the age*. However, that gift came at a cost. Lord, you gave it all. May we do the same for you. Please accept these gifts, and the willingness in our hearts to love and serve you, and multiply them for your glory. We give you honor. We give you praise. We give you us. You, Jesus, are our King. We pray this in your Holy name. Amen.

WE CARRY THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

***Sending Hymn** “Let All Things Now Living” TFWS #2008

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response** “In the Lord I’ll be
Ever Thankful” TFWS #2195

Postlude

Join Us for Coffee Hour Hosted by Rose Aiello

Coming Up:

November 30th. - First Sunday of Advent Worship Service

@10am - Join us *LIVE* or *ONLINE* as we celebrate a special service with the Hanging of the Greens. Welcome to Advent - We await the King!

Join us Wednesday’s @ 7:30am for

Wednesday-Wakeup Devotional & Fellowship



[Zoom Link](#)

(Live Meeting)



[YouTube \(https://bitly.com/WWakeup\)](https://bitly.com/WWakeup)

(Recorded Sessions)

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Pianist/Organist: RoseAnne Homola Lay Leader: Patti Early
Music Leaders: Patti Early and RoseAnne Homola

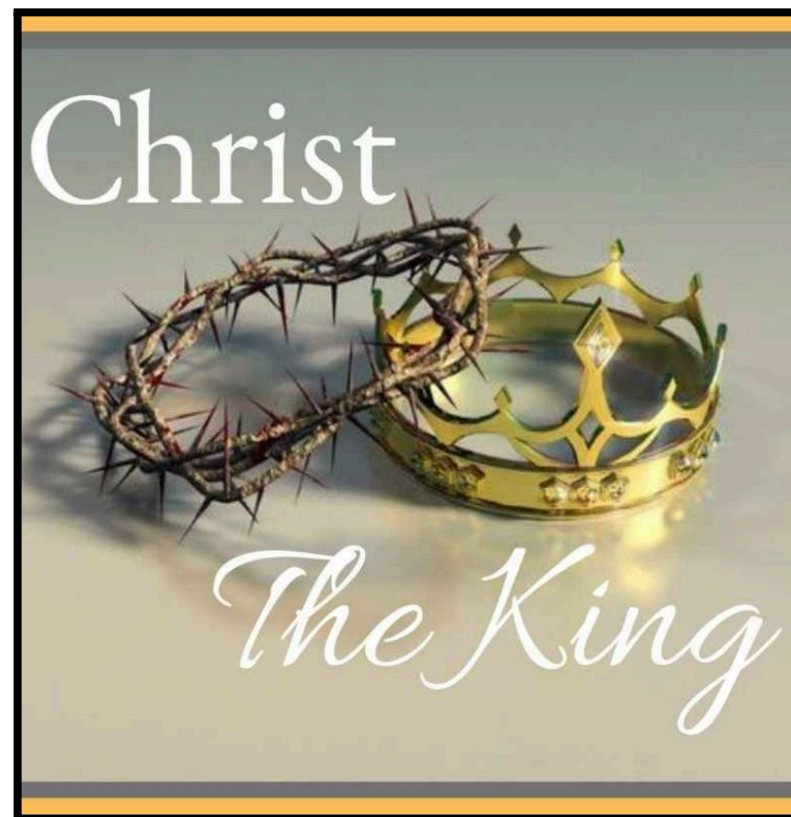
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[Worship Livestream Zoom link:](#)



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“Growing in the Body of Christ”