Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
November 22, 2026 – 10:55 A.M.

***Please stand as you are able**

Entrance

Meditative Music Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Announcements
Chiming the Hour
Acolyte Ministry
Opening Voluntary *Peals of Praise!* - Dobrinski Jubilant Ringers

Greeting

***Call to Worship:** Heather Quinn, Liturgist
L: Christ Jesus is King! He reigns in glory, seated upon his heavenly throne.
P: We come to worship the One who rules with righteousness, mercy, and love.
L: Jesus reminds us that when we care for the hungry, welcome the stranger, visit the sick, and reach out to those in need, we are serving him.
P: Open our eyes, O Lord, to see Christ in the faces of our neighbors.
L: Come, let us worship the King of kings, Lord of Lords, whose reign is revealed through compassion, justice, and love.
P: May our worship honor Christ, and may our lives reflect the love of the King we serve.

***Hymn of Praise** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* No.694
***Affirmation of Faith** *A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada* No.883
Invitation to the Children *Where Children Belong* *TFWS* No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.
Children's Time *(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church on the fourth floor)*

Proclamation and Response

Scripture Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 OT Pg. 756
Scripture Matthew 25:31-46 NT Pg. 27
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon The Human Connection Pastor Keith Vernon

Prayer of Confession: Gracious and loving God, forgive us when we fail to recognize you in the faces of those around us. We confess that we have sometimes ignored the hungry, turned away from the stranger, overlooked the sick, and forgotten those who are lonely or in need. We have been more concerned with our own comfort than with showing compassion to others. Open our hearts to see the needs of our neighbors and give us the courage to respond with love, generosity, and mercy. Help us remember that when we serve the least among us, we are serving you. May our words and actions reflect the grace of Christ, our Lord and our Savior. Amen.

Offertory *Praise and Thanksgiving* - Page
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)
***The Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Anthem *Give Thanks and Glorify His Name* - Larson Chancel Choir
Call to Prayer *All I Need is You* *TFWS* No. 2080
All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you. You are the source of all I need. All I need is you..

Prayers of the People
Let us begin with a moment of silence,
Good and gracious God we come in this moment giving you praise and thanksgiving for the gift of your relentless love that never stops chasing us, We are joined in heart and spirit to lift our prayers to you,
Together, let us pray for
The people of this congregation……..Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
Those who suffer and those in trouble… ……..Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The concerns of this local community……Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The world, its people, and its leaders…….Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
The church universal-its leaders, its members, and its mission…….. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Lord's Prayer No. 895

Sending Forth

***Closing Hymn** *We Gather Together* No.131
***The Acolyte Ministry**
***Benediction**
***Benediction Response** *May You Run and Not Be Weary* *TFWS* No. 2281
May you run and not be weary. May your heart be filled with song, And may the love of God continue to give you hope and keep you strong. And may you run and not be weary. May your life be filled with joy! And may the road you travel always bring you home.

*__Postlude__ *Hymn Reprise*

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Serving This Week:
Liturgist: Heather Quinn
Acolyte: Kaden Hodges
Children's Church: Nancy Middaugh
Greeter: Annette Board
Usher: Benny Board
10 AM Nursery: Volunteer Needed
Nursery: Melissa Osborne
AV Team: Mike Meeks, Katie Meeks
Counters: Ben Whitesell, Melissa Osborne

Serving Next Week:
Liturgist: Silas Gibson
Acolyte: Levi Call
Children's Church: Christina Gibson
Greeter: Jim Anderson
Usher: Jessica Mitchell
10 AM Nursery: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Lera Gibson
AV Team: Ben Clements, Katie Meeks, Lucas Call, Mitzi Secrest
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Kelly Peterson

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Keith Vernon, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music Ministries/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Finance Manager
Pam Thompson, Office Manager
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Matthew & Amanda Cooper, Custodians

In Our Prayers

Forget-Me-Nots: please remember these individuals in your prayers: Ann Coffey, Jerry Davis, Peggy McAndrew, Phillip Roseberry, Suzanne Ross, Peggy Santrock

Please keep the following individuals, families, and ministries in your prayers: Don Angle, Bill Baker, George Board, Susan Cain, Debbie Caulder, Jack Collins, Jennifer Cooper, Rodney Cundiff, Willie Denny, Arnold Dillon Sr., Sandra Funk, Tim Funk, Johnny Guilliams, Jean & Bobby Hodges, Lisa Gail Hundley, Linda Hoffman-Keith, Cindy Markey, Ryan and Nikki Mink, Lori McClure, Bettyann Melvin,Tatum Newbill, Pat Owsley,, Ezra Smith, Davida Stewart, Steve Tobey

Let us also pray for: Those who do not yet know Christ; Our country and its leaders; Our church and its ministries; Those serving in our armed forces; All who are suffering because of war, violence, and conflict; Those who are grieving, lonely, or in need of God's comfort and peace

May we hold these names and concerns before God with faith, compassion, and hope, trusting in God's unfailing love and care for each person.

Meetings and Announcements:

- Sunday, November 22 12 PM Thanksgiving Feast
- Monday, November 23 7 PM Boy Scout Meeting
- Monday, November 23 10 AM Advent Church Decorating
- Sunday, November 29 12 PM Youth Shopping for Special Needs Adults
- Sunday, November 29 12 PM Homebound Equipping Workshop
- Monday, November 30 7 PM Boy Scout Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Heavenly Manna - This month we are collecting stuffing mix and boxed potato mix.

Busy Bags Available - Children may pick up a Busy Bag with quiet activities from the small coat rack in the Narthex and return it after worship.

Altar Flowers - The arrangements adorning the Communion Table are placed to the glory of God and in honor of Mike and Lynn’s 48th wedding anniversary.

Thanksgiving Feast Today - Everyone is warmly invited to the RMUMC Thanksgiving Feast today, immediately following worship in the Fellowship Hall! Join us for a delicious meal and a special time of fellowship as we gather to give thanks for God's many blessings. Turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes with gravy, and rolls will be provided. Come enjoy wonderful food, warm fellowship, and the joy of celebrating together.

Advent Church Decorating - Monday, November 23 at 10:00 AM - The church will gather to decorate the sanctuary and church facilities for the Advent and Christmas season. Volunteers of all ages are invited to help prepare the church for this special time of year. Many hands make light work, and assistance is greatly appreciated as the church is transformed into a warm and welcoming place for worship and celebration.

Homebound Equipping Workshop - Join us for a Ministry of Holy Communion to the Homebound Equipping Workshop on Sunday, November 29, following worship as we explore the meaning and practice of this ministry and learn how we can serve our homebound members with care, reverence, and love. A light meal will be provided.

SonShine Girls Luncheon - Please note that the SonShine Girls will not meet for their monthly luncheon on November 24.

Young Adults Encouragement Ministry - Help us stay connected with our college students, recent graduates, and young adults beginning their careers. The church would like to send cards of encouragement and let them know they are remembered in prayer. Please email names and mailing addresses to gibson53@gmail.com**.**

Church Directory Photo Reminder - Haven’t had your picture taken for the new church directory? No problem! Please email an individual or group photo to Mittie Hambrick at aquamittie@gmail.com. Help us make our directory complete by making sure you're included!