



**November 21, 2021**

**St. John's United Church of Christ**

*As believers in Jesus Christ, we strive with unconditional love and selflessness – using our God given gifts – to provide a nurturing shelter for those seeking a Christian home. We offer opportunities for spiritual growth through worship, education, fellowship, prayer and Christian action throughout our community and the world.*

**Called by God  
Sharing with the World**

**November 21, 2021**  
**Christ the King**

## **Meditation**

“If we’re not hungry for Christ, we’re probably too full of ourselves.” Unknown

## **Chimes**

## **Prelude**

*Soon and Very Soon - Andrae Crouch*  
*Gale Sterner, percussion*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **✝ Opening Hymn**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven  
the one eternal God,

whom heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

## **Lifting up our Joys**

## **Passing of the Peace**

### **✠ Call to Worship (Congregation reads bold print)**

Christ came to be our King.

**We have come to be Christ's people.**

The King of kings calls us to follow him.

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### **✠ Opening Prayer**

Pastor Jeff

### **✠ Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive us that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent pause for reflection*

**Amen.**

### **✠ Assurance of Forgiveness** (*read responsively*)

God the Creator brings us new life, forgives and redeems us. Let us take hold of this forgiveness, and seek God first in all aspects of our lives. In Christ's name we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

## **Bible Readings**

*Revelation 1:4-8; John 18:33-37*

Stephen Goodale

## Children's Message and Blessing

Pastor Jeff

## Pastor's Message

*"Elvis and the King"*

Pastor Jeff

## Anthem

*Peace in the Valley - Larry Shackley*

Memorial anthem given in honor of Kathryn Heinbaugh's 90th birthday,

Presented by the Chancel Choir

## ✠The Apostle's Creed (unison)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.** *(from the UCC Book of Worship)*

## Giving our Gifts to God

### ✠Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures here below.**

**Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer *(unison)*

**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 debts, as we**

**forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us**

**from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.**

**Amen**

✠ **Closing Hymn**

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns  
all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless king  
through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife  
for those he came to save;  
his glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
who died eternal life to bring,  
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
rich wounds, yet visible above,  
in beauty glorified;  
no angels in the sky  
can fully bear that sight,  
but downward bends their burning eye  
at mysteries so bright.

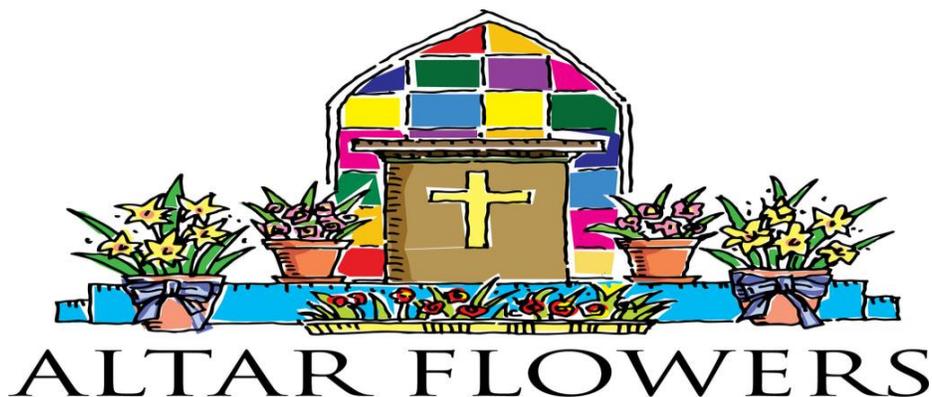
Crown him the Lord of years,  
the potentate of time,  
creator of the rolling spheres,  
ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
thy praise shall never, never fail  
throughout eternity.

✝ Sending Forth and Final Blessing

✝ Chimes/Meditation

Postlude

*Shine, Jesus Shine - Graham Kendrick*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God,  
In loving memory of brothers Ralph & Roger  
Gerhard.*

*Presented by Harlan & Eileen Rump*

*Worship Leader: Pastor Jeff Johnson*

