

THE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF SOMERVILLE

Christ the King Sunday

November 21, 2021

Worship 10 AM

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/986500515>

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Prelude *Chorale, Duo, and Trumpet Tune on hymntune "Picardy"*

Candle Lighting

Greeting

*Call to Worship

It is done.

God has always been in charge— yesterday and today.

Even when things seem out of control, God's reign is on its way.

Let us prepare the way for God.

*Hymn *"Lo, He Comes With Clouds Descending"*

UMH #718

Lo, he comes with clouds descending, once for favored sinners slain;
thousand, thousand saints attending swell the triumph of his train.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! God appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him, robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him, pierced and nailed him to the
tree, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing, shall the true
Messiah see.

The dear tokens of his passion still his dazzling body bears;
cause of endless exultation to his ransomed worshipers;
with what rapture, with what rapture, with what rapture, gaze we on
those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee, high on thy eternal throne;
Savior, take the power and glory, claim the kingdom for thine own.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Everlasting God, come down!

*Invocation

With thankful hearts we pause this day to be reminded of our grandest hope: that the calamities, the demands, even the blessings of this world do not have the last word. You are the one who was and is, and who is yet to come— a ruler of a different kind. Open our hearts to the comfort, the challenge and the mystery of this good news. In the name of Jesus Christ, your faithful witness, we pray. **Amen.**

Prayer of Confession

God of all creation, before time and beyond space, we admit to our human limits as we try to imagine the reign of truth that you envision for us. When we follow worldly powers and stray from the good path you desire for all you have created, give us Jesus. Give us Jesus, O God— not a Jesus high and lifted up, but chained and arraigned by authorities with boldness to tell the truth. Speak through our words and deeds, that your will may be done in our time. Embolden us with the confidence that your reign will one day come. Come, O Strong One, come. **Amen.**

Silent Prayers of Confession

Words of Assurance

God's promises are everlasting, ordered and secure. God loves us and frees us. Accept God's forgiveness, for we are forgiven. **Amen.**

Time for Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

Scripture Lessons

2 Samuel 23:1-7
John 18:33-37

pew Bible page 295
pew Bible page 987

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood;
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph,
cherubim, with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

Sermon *Jesus Shall Reign*

Offertory Prayer

Abundant God, prophecy says you are coming with the clouds for every eye to see. Until that day, may the tithes and offerings we bring each week do the holy work of making your reign real in this community and in this world in need. **Amen.**

Offering (online giving through Zelle: givingtofumc@gmail.com or you can simply mail your donation check, or drop off it off in the church's side-door mail slot)

*Doxology "*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*" UMH #95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Joys and Concerns

Interlude *Aria on hymntune "Picardy"* *Michael Helman*

Pastoral Prayer

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation

Thanksgiving and Consecration

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to our Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

(remembering God's acts of mercy and salvation...)

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest....

(remembering Jesus and that first communion...)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving, as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us. As we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

(The words of consecration, praising the Holy Spirit and the Trinity...)

The Lord's Prayer

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Receiving

Thank you, merciful God, for the bounty of your creation — for the gifts of the field and vine that nourish our bodies, souls and hearts. Sustained by this meal and the assurance of your grace through our Lord, Jesus Christ, may our lives reflect your presence. Amen.

*Hymn “*Jesus Shall Reign*”

UMH #157

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane
no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest
song; and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; all prisoners leap and loose their chains; the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

*Benediction

God calls us into the world to embody a realm that is not of this world.
Go forth now in the name of the one who is, and was, and is to come.
May God's grace and peace be with you. **Amen.**

*Postlude *Toccata on hymntune "Picardy"*

Michael Helman



The flowers on the altar this week are
given by Vince O'Brien in memory of
his Mother, Peg O'Brien.