



Faith Community United Methodist Church

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Sunday, November 22, 2020 Christ the King Sunday
10 a.m.

WE GATHER FOR PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

Keith Harmon

GREETING & VISITOR WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP: *Please stand with heart or posture.*

Leader: Let us gather together all who await the return of the Lord!

People: Let our hearts always be ready to stand before the throne of God!

Leader: For the Lord will come again and God's judgment will be real.

People: And we are each called to share God's love while there is yet time.

Leader: So let us lift our voices in song and praise for God's abiding love.

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

OPENING HYMN: UMH #546 "The Church's One Foundation" [vs. 1,2,3]

PRAYER FOR FAITH: O God, You are pure love itself, yet as we reject You and turn away from Your mercy and grace, we close the door to our own salvation. Help us to hear Your every word, Lord. In Christ we pray. Amen.

[Silent prayers of confession and forgiveness of others]

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God! AMEN.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from

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the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 25:31-46 *Please stand with heart or posture.*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Reader: This is the word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

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HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Give Me Jesus"

HOMILY

Pastor Ron Dodson

WE CELEBRATE OUR LIFE IN CHRIST

PRAISE REPORTS: *Please wish Elsie Hanssen a blessed birthday as she celebrates today!*

PRAYER CONCERNS: *"Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in his wonderful face. And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."*

PASTORAL PRAYER

WE OFFER THANKSGIVING

WORSHIP WITH TITHES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY: O God, we do present these offerings in order to proclaim our own righteousness, but as symbols of our love for you and your Church. Bless them we pray, and may they be as loving arms reaching out to show our love for your needy children. Amen

*THE DOXOLOGY: UMH #95 "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" *Please stand with heart or posture.*

WE DEPART TO SERVE

REMINDERS:

Community Action Team Clothing Fundraisers:

- Thursday, November 27, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Saturday, December 5, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

BLESSING WITH A MISSION

CLOSING HYMN: FWS #2070 "He Is Exalted"

Please remain seated until the candles are extinguished, and the music is finished, then exit through the single door to the parking lot.

Scripture Lessons for November 29, 2020; 1st Sunday of Advent

- Isaiah 64:1-9
- Psalm 80
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
- Mark 13:24-37

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Today's Hymns:

The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the Word. From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed, by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed, yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, "How long?" And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Give Me Jesus

1. In the morning when I rise. In the morning when I rise. In the morning, when I rise, Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus
2. When I am alone. When I am alone. Oh, when I am alone, Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.
3. Oh, When I come to die. Oh, When I come to die. Oh, When I come to die, Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. Give me Jesus. You can have all this world. You can have all this world. You can have all this world. Give me Jesus.

He Is Exalted

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.