

Wesley United Methodist Church

10:00 AM Sunday Worship

November 21, 2021

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

At Wesley we foster a sanctuary culture by creating a safe environment where all feel welcomed, loved, accepted, valued, and affirmed for who they are, through intentional practices such as empathy, compassion, generosity, hospitality, and inclusion.

For the safety of every worshipper, please observe the following guidelines regardless of your vaccine status.

- **Wear a mask covering your mouth and nose all the time during worship.**
- **Keep social distancing in your sanctuary seating.**
- **Please let an usher know if you have questions, need assistance, or have a concern about health or safety.**

Prelude

Dialogue for Thanksgiving

Larghetto K581

Istan Slamet, clarinet

William Ness, organ

Alice Jordan 1916-2012

Wolfgang Mozart 1756-1791

Greeting & Announcement

*Call to Worship

Allison Hansen, Liturgist

One: God is our Maker, the source of our being.

Many: Let us worship our Creator.

One: God is revealed to us in Jesus the Christ.

Many: Let us follow our Redeemer.

One: God is present in our lives as the Holy Spirit.

Many: Let us live, guided by the One who is our Sustainer.

All: Let us worship our God with hope and joy.

Hymn

We Gather Together

UMH 131

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
he chastens and hastens his will to make known.
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

* Please Stand in body or in spirit

Common Prayer (*unison*)

Loving God, you desire us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our cares on you who cares for us. Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Praise Songs

Desmond Cheatham, keyboard

Mema Kuruwa no so (I Will Lift the Cup of Praise)

Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so, Mε ma yeyi kruwa so...

Hwie nhyira bi fa me me! Hwie W'a yaresa gu me so mε.

English:

I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise, I will lift the cup of praise!...

Pour your blessing in my cup, pour your healing in my cup O Lord...

I have joy in my heart

I have joy in my heart, deep, deep down in my heart...

Jesus gave to me, and no one can destroy it.

I have joy in my heart; deep, deep down in my heart...

Choral Call to Prayer

Prayers of the People & 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.

Choral Amen

Anthem

Glorious Giver of All Good Things
Wesley Choir and Sharon Wilson, flute

Floice Lund

...let your grace flow through us; a generous stream unstoppable; refreshing and abundant. We entrust these gifts to flow out through the power of the Holy Spirit. Visit us with your presence and saturate us with your Holy Spirit. Bathe us in your streams of living water, that our lives might offer you praise. Praise and honor in the name of Jesus Christ.

For the law of God is perfect, reviving the soul. The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart. The commandments of God are clear and sweeter than honey. Write your law on our hearts that we might live for you. . . out to the entire world through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

*Gospel Reading Matthew 6:24-34

Message Rev. Byungmoo Lee

Hymn God Will Take Care of You UMH 130

Be not dismayed whate'er betide, God will take care of you;
beneath his wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

[Refrain] God will take care of you, through every day, o'er all the way,
he will take care of you, God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide, God will take care of you;
nothing you ask will be denied, God will take care of you. [Refrain]

Benediction

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God Egil Hovland 1924-2013

On your way out you may leave your tithe/offering and attendance slip in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary. You can also mail your offering to the church or give online via church website (wesleyworc.org).

Istan Slamet, clarinet, is a first-year student at WPI from Albany, NY and plays clarinet in WPI performing groups.

Sharon Wilson, flute, is an attorney for Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in conflict-of-interest specialty.

Floice Lund is composer in residence at First Church, United Church of Christ of Nashua, NH. We are delighted she is with us today to hear the first performance of this anthem in Massachusetts.

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