



Community UCC

We're worth our words

Welcoming Progressive Community

Vibrant Messengers of Hope



Champaign, Illinois

Worship for Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

Thoughts Before Worship:

Today, as we start to look toward the beginning of a new church year with the seasons of Advent and Christmas, we pause to reflect on the image of the Reign of Christ. Who is Jesus Christ in our lives? And like Pilate ask, are you Christ the King? As we prepare for worship, take a moment to ponder these questions. If you have requests to add to the prayer list (a public document), go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found in the bulletin or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

Gathering Music

Aaron Ames

Prelude

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Aaron Ames

Arr. Don McAfee
CCLI Song #6012960, CCLI License #3154689

Welcome

Rev. Bill Lawser

Call to Worship

Stephen Kolderup

We have chosen to be here, where God remembers us.
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.
Like leaves skipping over the carpet of grass:
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.
Like the first glimpses of the sun peeking over the horizon:
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.
Like the moon lighting our way on a cloudless, autumn night:
God comes to us, the One who was and is and is to come.

Call to Reconciliation

Stephen Kolderup

While there are many with power in our world - power to hurt us, power to hire or fire us, power to control us - only God has the power to forgive us and make us new people. Let us confess how we fear the power of the world, and welcome the power of God's grace.

We welcome you to our service this morning. Celebrating the diversity of creation, Community United Church welcomes persons of any age, ability, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or life condition. May the Divine Presence become real to you through this time of worship. We hope you come back!

Note: *Our worship services are live streamed. If you prefer not to have the back of your head seen on the live stream worship please do not sit in the first seven pews on the left side (organ/piano) of the sanctuary.*

*Everyone is invited to stand in body or in spirit.

Prayer for Forgiveness

Stephen Kolderup

The choices we make, Mighty God, reveal who we are. Choosing the lies of the world, your Word has not been on our lips. Choosing independent and isolated lives, we do not reflect your Spirit in our actions towards others. Choosing to exalt the powerful of our day, we are unable to follow the One whose weakness gives us life.

Forgive us, God who became weak for our sake. Do not turn your face from us, but help us to face ourselves honestly. Free us from our captivity, so we may faithfully follow Jesus Christ, our King, our Lord, our Savior. Amen

Assurance of Pardon

Stephen Kolderup

Shout for joy, children of God! The God who was and is and is to come loves you, forgives you, and renews you. God's Spirit rests upon us; grace and peace are the gifts of our loving God. Amen.

Opening Song

All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

NCH 304 v 1,3, 4

St. 1-3 Edward Perronet, St. 4 John Rippon, Oliver Holden
One License Song #05381, One License #A-734456

Children's Moment

Rev. Bill Lawser

*Passing of the Peace

Rev. Bill Lawser

Today, you are invited to remain in your space, turn and greet those around you, make eye contact across the room and flash a peace sign, or say "Peace" in the comments on Zoom or Facebook Live broadcast.

Prelude to Scripture

Stephen Kolderup

Whether we take what is written in the Bible as fact, metaphor, myth, or story, let us listen now for the meaning it might hold for us on this day.

Sacred Reading from the Gospel

John 18:33-38

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' ³⁴ Jesus answered, 'Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?' ³⁵ Pilate replied, 'I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?' ³⁶ Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the crowd. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' ³⁷ Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' ³⁸ Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

Postlude to Scripture

Stephen Kolderup

We conclude this sacred reading with this prayer: May the Spirit bless us with wisdom and wonder as we ponder the meaning of these words for our lives.

Call to Prayer

Stephen Kolderup



After the sermon, we will pray together and offer up our joys and concerns. Your prayer requests will be offered aloud. Whether you are sitting here in the sanctuary, or worshipping with us remotely, you are invited to add your joys and concerns to the prayer list: go to community-ucc.org/pray (a Google Form), or scan the QR code found here or there are prayer cards on the table at the back of the sanctuary that you may fill out and hand to the usher.

Anthem

Saints Bound for Heaven

CUCC Choir

Arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw
CCLI Song # 6454315, CCLI License #3154689

*Our bondage it shall end by and by.
From Egypt's yoke set free, Hail the glorious jubilee,
And to Canaan we'll return by and by.*

*Our Deliverer He shall come by and by.
And our sorrows have an end with our three-score years and ten.
And vast glory crown the day by and by*

*And when to Jordan's floods we are come.
Jehovah rules the tide And the waters He'll divide.
And the ransomed host shall shout we are come.
Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice!
Shouting Glory to our King Till the vaults of heaven ring.
And through all eternity we'll rejoice*

Message

Journey's Ended, Journey's Begun

Rev. Bill Lawser

Silent Meditation

Ringing of the Singing Bowl

Rev. Bill Lawser

Call to Offering

Stephen Kolderup

God transforms what we give into a Feast of Hope for the Future – the future of the people in pews, Zoom boxes, and Facebook profiles today, tomorrow, and for generations to come. God also transforms what we give into a Feast of Hope for future generations of Campus Ministry students, Jubilee Café Guests and Volunteers. But that's not the end of the story. Through the open and affirming, just peace, progressive faith values proclaimed and embodied by this community of faith, God will transform your financial gifts into a feast for hope-hungry folks in a future we have yet to even imagine. Will YOU help spread the feast? To share financial gifts big and small, please visit www.community-ucc.org and donate. If you are worshipping here in the sanctuary, you may also place offerings in the offering plates as you leave the sanctuary. May God bless the gifts and the givers.

Giving Thanks for the Gifts of the Community: Feast of Hope for the Future

Larry Lee

Joys and Concerns

David Gerstenecker

Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Bill Lawser

Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign

NCH 300 v 1, 3, 4, 5

Issac Watts, John Hatton
One License Song #07075, One License #A-734456

Commissioning of the Community

Rev. Bill Lawser

Benediction

Rev. Bill Lawser

Postlude

All Hail, King Jesus / Majesty

Aaron Ames

Dave Moody, arr. Mark Hayes, © 1998 Word Music



Reminder:

Office closed Wednesday, November 24 and Thursday, November 25 for Thanksgiving. Office Manager away.

Articles for **December eCommunigram** due Monday, **November 22**.

Items for **Bulletin and Weekly Email** for **11/28** due Monday, **November 22** at 12:00pm

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