

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Lord's Day Celebration of Word and Table

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 24, 2024



On this final Sunday of the church year, we celebrate Christ's reign over all creation. As no one metaphor or title is sufficient in our descriptions of God, our Revelation reading offers many seeking to capture the greatness of Christ. In our reading from John as Jesus stands before Pilate, Jesus is paradoxically a king, but rather than exert his own dominion over others, he testifies to the truth of God as one who will reign from a cross.



The Community Gathers Before God

As the Gathering Music begins, please create a quiet and respectful atmosphere so that everyone may prepare for worship. Also, please silence any phones or electronic devices.

Gathering Music Linda Morgan
Welcome & Announcements Pam Taylor
Call to Worship Pam Taylor

L: We gather to worship the Christ who reigns:

P: For Christ is the faithful witness, firstborn of the dead and Ruler of the monarchs of all the earth.

L: Christ loves us and freed us from our sins, making us priests serving God forever!

P: To Christ be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen!

(based on Revelation 1:5,6)

Gathering Hymn # 91 – “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” (v. 1,4,5)

Gathering Prayer Pastor Bob



The Community Hears and Responds to God's Word

First Reading – Revelation 1:4b-8 (page 994)

Pam Taylor

Anthem

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Chancel Choir

Gospel Reading – John 18:33-37 (page 881)

Pastor Bob

Sermon

Pastor Bob

Celebration for the Adoption and Blessing of a Child

Introduction and Naming

Scripture – Mark 10:13-16

Covenants by Naila & Todd and the Congregation

Blessing of Amber Graper

Congregational Prayer - # 364

Song – “Jesus Loves the Little Children”

The Prayers

Call to Prayer # 305 (sung)

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Our Prayer Concerns

Tim Jones

Silent Prayer

Prayers of the Community

Pastor Bob



The Community Shares a Meal at Christ's Table

Hymn # 528 – “Give Thanks” (sung straight through with no repeats)

Celebration of Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Pastor Bob

Table Prayer

Tim Jones

The Lord's Prayer (in unison using “debts”)

Breaking of the Bread

Pastor Bob

Sharing of Holy Communion

All are welcome to come forward to share Holy Communion.

Please place used cups in the basket before returning to your seat.

If unable to come forward, please raise your hand so Communion can be brought to you.

Communion Music

Linda Morgan

Song of Thanksgiving (*sung*)

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

Words: Martin Rinkart Music: Johann Cruger NUN DANKET

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*responsive*)

Tim Jones

L: Let us give thanks to God for all gifts so freely bestowed on us. For the beauty
and wonder of your creation, in earth and sea and sky:

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: For all that is gracious in the lives of people revealing the image of Christ:

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: For our food and drink each day, our homes and families and our friends:

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve;

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play:

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: For the communion of saints, in all times and places:

P: We thank you, gracious God.

L: We offer you, O God, our heartfelt thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P: Amen.

Community is Sent to Love and Serve

Blessing and Sending

Pastor Bob

Sending Hymn # 717 – “Let All Things Now Living”

Departing Music

Linda Morgan



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As part of the one body of Christ
we welcome all to the Lord's Table as God has welcomed us."*