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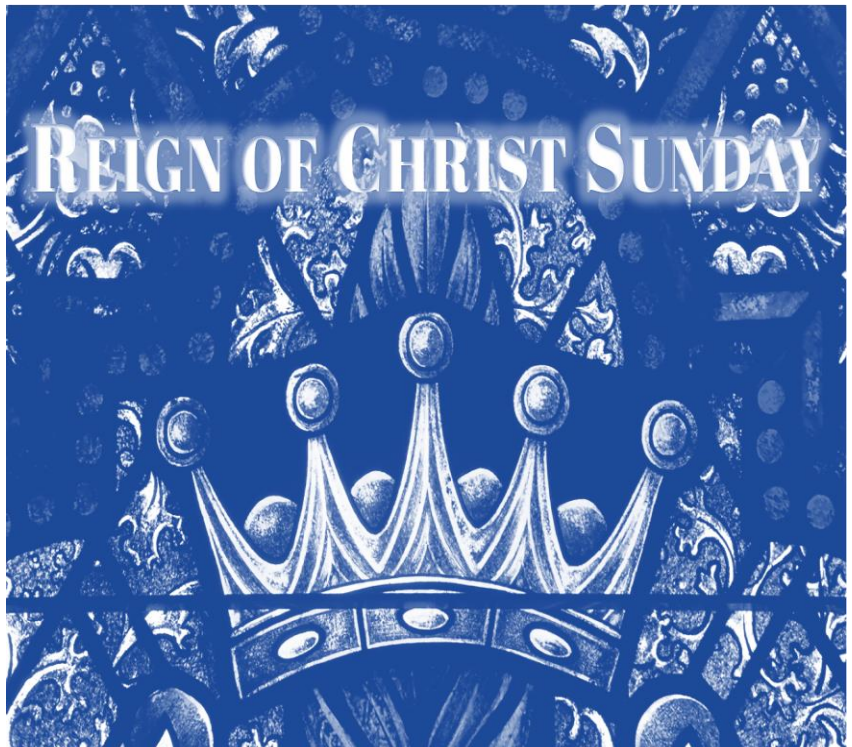
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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*Loving, Serving and Accepting All People
with God's Life-Changing Power*

*"Christ beside
me, Christ
before me,
Christ behind
me, Christ
within me,
Christ beneath
me, Christ
above me. "*

Saint Patrick



Sunday November 24, 2019 • 10:00 AM

Reign of Christ Sunday

Pastor

• Allan Lane

Director of Music

• David Debick

Financial Secretary

• Joy Garapic

Ministers

All of our Members

Office Manager – Jeannette Kroeger

Affirmation of Welcome

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation, welcoming all of God's children.

*If you are single, married, divorced, separated, or partnered,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are Asian, Hispanic, Black, or White,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are male, female, or transgender,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are 3 days old, 30 years old, or 103 years old,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you've never been in a church, if you are Buddhist, Roman Catholic, agnostic,
Or a life-long member of the UCC,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are straight, gay, lesbian, bisexual, or pangender
You Are Welcome Here!*

*If you are fully abled, or a person with differing abilities,
You Are Welcome Here!*

*Whoever we may be, wherever we are on our life's journey,
**We welcome one another to this place,
Even as God welcomes us all in Jesus Christ!***



Please sign our guest book in the narthex before you leave and join us for refreshments in Pilgrim Hall downstairs following the service. If you are interested in learning more about our church, please speak to our pastor.

Large Print Bulletins are available. Simply ask an usher. Hearing difficulty? Please talk to any usher about a Personal Sound receiver available for your use. Pillows for back support are also available, if needed

Office Hours:

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs.: 9:00 - 12:00

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November 24, 2019 – Reign of Christ Sunday

Meditation Music

"If you had a thousand crowns you should put them all on the head of Christ! And if you had a thousand tongues, they should all sing his praise, for he is worthy!"

William Tiptaft (1803-1864), founder of the Abbey Baptist Church in Checker Walk, England

Gathering in God's Presence

** Please Stand as you are able.*

Prelude

Sing to the World

Sands

"Sing to the world of Christ our Savior King,
born that his death the world's release should win.
Hung on a cross, forgiveness he could bring;
buried, he rose to conquer death and sin."
Patrick Lee (1930-2004)

Bearing the Light of Peace

Bearing the Light of Christ

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Sometimes it seems like the evil forces of our world are going to win.

People: Our bodies are wracked by disease; our newspapers are full of stories of violence; nature itself seems to conspire against us with fire and water and wind.

Leader: But it only seems that way, for Christ the healer has come; Christ the prince of peace has appeared; and Christ the calmer of wind and waves has made himself known.

People: The day is coming when Christ shall reign from sea to sea, when swords shall be beaten into plowshares, when nature shall be nothing but a blessing.

Leader: As we wait in hope for that day, let us celebrate Christ the King! Let us worship God!

*** Hymn of Praise**

Crown with Your Richest Crowns
[v. 1-4]

#301

*** Prayer of Invocation [Unison]**

As we wait for the coming of your rule in the world, O God, we wait in hope and expectation, but we also wait in uncertainty and trepidation. We know that some of the things that we do now in our lives are things that do not meet our high calling as your children. Our desires get in the way of our morals. Our fears triumph over our generosity. Our prejudices blind us to what is right.

We confess our part in the injustice in the world, O God, and we ask that you will change our hearts to be more like Christ's heart: loving the unlovable; welcoming the stranger; seeking forgiveness and reconciliation above all. We ask it in Christ's own name.

***Words of Assurance**

Leader: The prophet Micah wrote, "Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgressions? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."

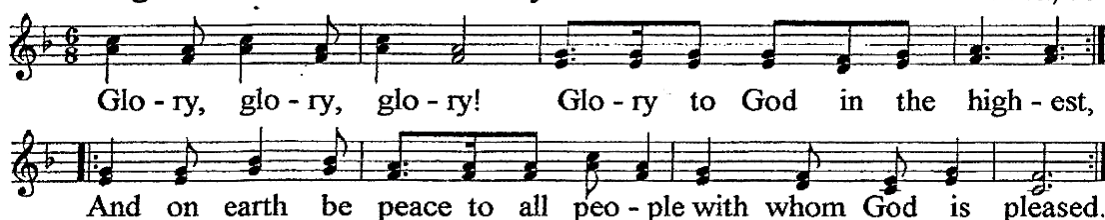
People: God has delighted to show mercy to us in Jesus Christ. Our sins are pardoned, our transgressions forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen

*** The Song of Praise**

Glory to God

Pablo Sosa, 1988



The Continuing Testament

N.T. Wright, in *For All God's Worth*, pp. 9-10

The First Gospel Reading

John 19:19-24

Pew Bible page, 113

The Second Gospel Reading

Luke 23: 32-43

Pew Bible page, 89

Time with Young Worshipers

Anthem

Jesus Reigns

Egan/Moos, arr. Debick

Sermon

More King Than They Know

Pastor Allan Lane

Hymn of Reflection

Ask Me What Great Thing I Know

#49

The Church at Prayer

Silent Meditation

Prayers of the Church

Our Lord's Prayer *[the additional use of "Mother" is optional, according to One's Theological understanding]*

**...Our Father-Mother, 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 debts as we forgive
our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.**

Organ Response

Presenting Our Tithes and Offerings

The Invitation

Offertory Offertoire Solennel (Solemn Offertory) Gounod

***Offertory Hymn**

**We bring our gifts because we care,
They are a part of what we share.
Our love is strong, it heals, uplifts.
With hearts of joy we share our gifts. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication [Unison]**

In tribute to you, O living, loving, reigning Christ, we bring these offerings. Accept them as symbols of our desire to live as your people in the world, seeking justice, loving mercy, and being brave for what is right. Amen

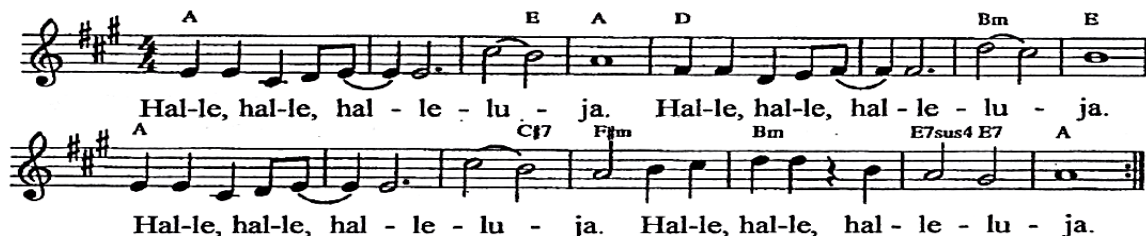
Going with God's Love

*** Hymn of Departure** Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing #303

***Carrying the Light of Christ into the World** Acolyte

*** Circle of Community**

*As we move to form a circle around the pews, we will sing **Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (3 times) Hallelujah, Hallelujah.** After the benediction is pronounced, we will sing it once more. Our circle is open near the door as a symbol of our welcome to new people to our community of faith*



Benediction

Postlude

Jesus, Name Above All Names

Hearn

PLEASE KEEP THE FOLOWING MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Elizabeth Gadus, Joy Garapic, Nancy Stella, Betty Kaul, Don Seager, The Corpora Family, Anna Mary Fisher, Bill Toneff, Richard Sacher, brother of Jan Renovetz, Jan Wardlaw, Suzanne Patrick (Niece of Kathy Smith), Pat Bailey, Jill Black, Stan McCain, Phyllis Molnar, Lenore Harris, Dottie Faust, "Edna House", Jon Thompson, Tina Ortiz, Dassie Matsuoka, Lee Sanderson, Kathleen Stewart, Mary Dagostino, Cindy Burton, people who are unemployed and under employed.

(Please let the office know of any additions, corrections or changes to our prayer lists.)

Attendance Sunday, November 17, 2019 – Adults: 83 Kids: 15 Total: 98

BUCC ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all our guests who are worshiping with us today. Please sign our guest book and join us downstairs in Pilgrim Hall for our Coffee Hour.

WE WELCOME VISITING PARENTS - We offer several childcare options and fun activities for kids during worship hour: Infants and toddlers will be cared for in the nursery. Kindergarten through seventh grade will go to class after the Word to Young Worshipers. Crayons and paper are also available from ushers for children.

THE BUCC PASTOR'S FUND is primarily used for food gift cards, help with rent or utilities, uncovered medical/medication bills, or emergency aid to travelers passing through town. We are asking that those who can, consider making a contribution to help replenish this fund. Checks can be made out to BUCC, or cash may be placed in a pew envelope, with the notation "Pastor's Fund" written on the check or envelope. Thank you for your continuing support!

ELIZART MINISTRIES will not be holding classes until further notice.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE LOOKING FOR A NICE APARTMENT?

BUCC has a very nice 2-bedroom unit available for rent in our Arlington Street property. The unit has an eat-in-kitchen, dining room, and living room on the first floor, and two bedrooms and bath on the second floor. The unit comes complete with a stove, fridge, washer and dryer, garage parking and cozy front porch. The unit will be available December 1st, and rents for \$850 per month. Please pass the word around! Thank you, Doug Fawcett.

THE MITTEN TREE has sprouted in the narthex again, just waiting to be “decorated” with hats, mittens, scarves, etc. to be delivered to those who will need them in the cold weather. They are delivered to hunger centers when the donated food items are delivered to hunger centers.

FOOD PANTRY/NOVEMBER- Small Canned Hams, Canned Sweet & White Potatoes, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Pie Crust Mix, Canned Pumpkin, etc.

PFLAG - Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays. This is a local and national organization that has been in the Cleveland Area for 35 years. One of the services provided is a Monthly Support Group Meeting. The group is led by a licensed Psychologist and Social Workers. The purpose is to provide support and education to family and friends of people coming out Gay, Lesbian, Trans, Bisexual or Questioning. The group is free and meets at Trinity Cathedral on the second Tuesday of the month 645p-830p. For more information, call Mark Lehman, LISW at 330.631.4415

PAPER RECYCLING BIN – You may have noticed that we now have a Paper Recycling Bin in the Parking lot. Please bring your paper recyclables and help us fill it up!

NAME TAGS are available for you to wear in the church and at coffee hour. These are helpful to visitors and new members to get to know our people. If you are missing a name tag, please let the Office know.

PLEASE BE SURE to enter your meeting and event schedule on the office calendar. This is used to list your times in both the ***Weekly Bulletin*** and in the ***Monthly Pillar***.

Readings

The Continuing Testament - N.T. Wright, in *For All God's Worth*, pp. 9-10

"I was talking to somebody not long ago who said, 'You know, I used to believe in God, but then, as I grew up, I found it harder and harder to think of this old man up there in the sky, so far removed from all the pain and suffering down here in the world.' And I said to him, 'I don't believe in that god, either! The God I believe in is the God I see in the middle of the pain and the suffering down here in the world. Without Jesus, the crucified Jesus, sharing and bearing the pain and sin and suffering of the world, I don't actually know who on earth, or in heaven, God might be at all.' ... if Jesus is to be the lens through which you glimpse the beauty of God, you will discover what it means to worship, because you will discover what it means to be loved

The First Gospel Reading - John 19:19-24

Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, "Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'This man said, I am King of the Jews.'" Pilate answered, "What I have written I have written." When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it." This was to fulfill what the scripture says,

"They divided my clothes among themselves,
and for my clothing they cast lots."

The Second Gospel Reading - Luke 23:32-43

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing."]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the

Messiah of God, his chosen one!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Nov. 24

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am OCWM

Thurs., Nov. 27

Happy Thanksgiving!

Friday, Nov. 28

OFFICE CLOSED

Sunday, Dec., 1

10:00 am Worship Service

11:00 am Coffee Hour

11:30 am – 4:00 pm Drum Up the Gifts

Christmas Bazaar - PH

****Hunger Meal – Iglesia Emmanuel****

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS SUNDAY SERVICE
NOVEMBER 24, 2019

Lay Reader: Betsey Wilson
Head Usher: Anne Melfo
Ushers: Sam Koch, Beth Rehling,
Kim Wallis, Matt Wolbert
Acolyte: Joshua Anderson
Peace Candle: Peter Kucmins
Sound: David Pastor
Comns Grtr: Caroline Chandler
Flowers: HARVEST
Nursery: Courtni Began
C.E. Teacher: Beth Rehling
Counters: Marge Culver, Sue Stenzel
Servers: Leroy & Kathy Ford
Snacks: Pat Rehm, Carol Miller
Clean-Up: Jim & Peg Duffy

PARTICIPANTS IN NEXT SUNDAY SERVICE
DECEMBER 1, 2019

Lay Reader: Bridget Sproul
Head Usher: Sue Maier
Ushers: Bob & Caroline Chandler,
David & Kathy Pastor
Acolyte: Olivia Klonowski
Peace Candle: Natalie Corrado
Sound: Kevin Smith
Comns Grtr: Max Roha
Flowers: Julie Bernard
Nursery: Marla Corrado
C.E Teacher: Kate Klonowski
Counters: Matt Wolbert, Jim Duffy
Servers: Cliff & Sue Stenzel
Snacks: Dorie Gabor, Marla Corrado
Clean-up: Jill Zedan, Sue Stenzel

CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS WITH POINSETTIAS IN OUR SANCTUARY



Your Donation will buy plants which will be shared after Christmas with those who are ill or shut-in or have recently lost a loved one. Please fill out the form at the bottom of this page, and turn it in to the Church Office

DEADLINE – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15



I Enclose \$12.00_____ or other_____ for Poinsettias

In Memory _____ or Honor _____ or _____

Of _____

Your Name

I WILL HELP DELIVER PLANTS TO SHUT-INS _____

*****PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KEEP YOUR
POINSETTIA OR LEAVE IT HERE FOR SHUT-INS AND OTHERS*****

WILL KEEP _____

WILL NOT KEEP _____