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**Trinity United Church of Christ**

November 24, 2024

Reign of Christ

8:00am and 10:30 Worship

*If this is your first time with us, or if you have come to this sacred space your entire life, we are glad to be on this journey of faith with you. Trinity believes that **whoever you are, and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!** To enhance your worship experience, we have large print bulletins and hearing support devices available.*

*Please ask an usher or greeter for assistance.*

*Enter to worship today but stick around to see what God is doing in this place!*

*Congregational responses in **bold print**. \* Denotes standing as you are able.*

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PRELUDE MUSIC – “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” with “Simple Gifts”  
*arr. H. Sorenson*

**TIME OF SHARING/ GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

This place of worship has been prepared for us  
to come with songs of thanksgiving before our God.  
Bring your gifts to the altar and share your stories of blessings!  
**God has provided so much—even this beautiful day—  
So let's raise our voices and celebrate!**

**\*HYMN #421 “We Gather Together”**

**\*PRAYER**

**Holy Christ, you are the Healer of our hearts, the Shepherd of our souls,  
the source of our lives and the eternal Rhythm of creation. Our world  
competes for our attention. It asks for us to recognize it as the power over each day.  
Open our eyes to see how the grace and love of your reign is the grace and love  
which gives truly abundant life and is that to which we should aspire. Amen.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**“May the Peace of Christ be with you!”**

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Thanksgiving Day provides an opportunity for us to take stock of God's blessings,  
**and to reflect on our response to those blessings.**

Our Creator, you have made an intricate and diverse world,  
and set us to cultivate it reverently and responsibly:

**Forgive us when we forget our connection with all of creation.**

Our Creator, you have made a world of abundance and  
intend for us to share so that all may have their "daily bread".

**Forgive us when we lose the sense of hospitality and community.**

Our Creator, you have sent us Jesus, the "Bread of Life"  
to satisfy our spiritual hunger and thirst.

**Forgive us when we do not respond to his justice and mercy.**

Every day and all day let us celebrate your goodness.

**Forgive us when we fail to turn to you in prayer.**

Everyday and all day let us shape our very lives by focusing  
our minds on what is beautiful and worthy of praise.

**Forgive us when we forget that you make all things possible.**

## MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER

### GLORIA PATRA

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy-ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. A-men. A-men.*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We have offered to God the concerns of our hearts and minds.

We trust that God not only hears our prayers but in  
God's almighty wisdom and awareness of our needs does answer our prayers.

**We are a forgiven people. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### ANTHEM (10:30)

"On Eagle's Wings"

*by M. Joncas; arr. by D. E. Wagner*

**Senior Choir**

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

John 18:33-37

Then Pilate entered the headquarters\* again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ <sup>34</sup>Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ <sup>35</sup>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?’ <sup>36</sup>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 Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ <sup>37</sup>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.’

### SERMON

**Rev. Peter Kuhn**

### PRAYER/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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.**

**HYMN #300 “Jesus Shall Reign”**  
(Remain Seated)

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH #887 A New Creed**

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

**\*CELEBRATION OF OUR GIFTS**

We can thank God for the bounty we have received  
and we can return to God a portion of our blessings.

We need only to be joyful in our thanksgiving.

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**With thanksgiving and joy, we have returned to you  
a portion of the blessings you have given to us.**

**Bless us and our gifts for your purposes. Amen.**

**\*HYMN #303 "Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing"**

**\*FINAL BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE**

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Netherlands folk hymn, 16th century

Transl. Theodore Baker, 1894

Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

1. We gath-er to-geth-er to ask for God's bless-ing,  
to live in com-mu-ni-ty, seek-ing God's will.  
We come now, as sis-ters and broth-ers, con-fess-ing  
the sins that di-vide and the wrong in us still.
  
2. Be-side us, for-giv-ing, en-a-bling, sus-tain-ing,  
you call us, O Sav-ior, to life that is new.  
You draw us a-way from self-cen-tered com-plain-ing.  
You lead us and guide us in ways that are true.
  
3. All praise to the Spir-it, pro-vid-er, de-fend-er.  
You of-fer us free-dom, to fol-low or stray,  
Em-pow-er-ing all by the hope you en-gen-der.  
Grant wis-dom and cour-age to fol-low your way.

Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

1. Je-sus shall reign wher-e'er the sun  
does its suc-ces-sive jour-neys run;  
God's realm shall stretch from shore to shore  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.
  
2. Through Christ shall end-less prayer be made,  
borne by the Spir-it's cease-less aid;  
Like sweet per-fume new hymns shall rise  
with ev-ery morn-ing sac-ri-fice.
  
3. Peo-ple and realms of ev-ery tongue  
dwell on God's love with sweet-est song,  
And in-fant voic-es shall pro-claim  
their ear-liest prayers in Je-sus' name.
  
4. Bless-ings a-bound where-e'er Christ reigns:  
the pris-oners leap to lose their chains,  
The wea-ry find e-ter-nal rest,  
and all who suf-fer want are blessed.
  
5. Let ev-ery crea-ture rise and bring  
trib-utes of praise for all to sing;  
An-gels de-scend with songs a-gain,  
and earth re-peat the loud a-men.

Ps. 72; Rev. 1:4b-8

Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.

1. Re-joyce, give thanks and sing;  
your Sov-ereign God a-dore!  
For Christ has robbed death's sting  
and tri-umphs ev-er-more.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce.
2. Our Sav-ior Je-sus reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
The Lamb who purged our stains  
is crowned with power a-bove.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce.
3. Christ Je-sus can-not fail  
to rule both earth and heaven;  
The keys of death and hell  
are to the Sav-ior given.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce.
4. Re-joyce in glo-rious hope,  
for Christ the Judge shall come,  
And take the faith-ful up  
to their e-ter-nal home.  
We soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice  
a-bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re-joyce!"

Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6–7



## Worship Elements:

Portions of today's liturgy have been taken from The On-Line Resource: *Worship Ways* and were written by Henrietta Stith Andrews, a retired UCC Pastor who served as Associate Conference Minister in Michigan.

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Rev. Dr. Frederick A. Young		Pastor
Rev. Peter Kuhn	8:00am & 10:30am	Guest Pastor
Dave Churchill	8:00am	Lay Liturgists
Scott Wehler	10:30am	
Sara Shank		Organist
John McKay		Senior Choir Director
Mark Luckenbaugh		Percussion
Jen Mickelson	8:00am	Ushers
Harry Hilbert	10:30am	
M. Jane Alleman, Ruby Warren	10:30am	Greeters
Bonnie Smith	10:30am	Acolyte
Georgia Hollabaugh, Kara Young, Luke Milhimes, Russell Bailey,		Tech Team
Carl Barrick, Suhua Dong, Stacey Rushwald, George Steckert, Garrison Redding,		
Terry Krietz, Nina Redding, Cindy Kidd		