

Welcome to Worship
St. John's (Hain's) United Church of Christ
Reign of Christ Sunday
November 21, 2021



*Please stand as you are able. You are invited to remain seated during the remainder of the worship service. Masks Recommended.

PRELUDE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’s Name”
“Festive Prelude on Coronation”
Billie Rhinehart, organ

arr. Peter Benjamin
arr. Janet Correll

INVOCATION

God, today we recognize you as the One who reigns over us. The purpose of Your reign is to protect and speak up for the poor and disenfranchised when others would exploit their powerlessness. So today we celebrate Your reign, as we your followers perpetuate the ideal of just rule and hold it up as a standard to which we all can aspire. Like the early Christians who proclaimed that Jesus, not Caesar, is Lord, we proudly state, “Jesus is my public servant,” and we seek to follow his example of leadership. Help us work toward a just rule in this world, a rule in which each of us is a true public servant. **Amen.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

O all the world! Raise glad shouts to the Holy One!

Worship God with joy! Come into God’s Presence with ringing cries!

Be assured the Holy One is the God who made us,

the shepherd to whom we belong, who feeds us in green pastures.

With thanksgiving enter the Holy One’s doors, with praise.

Praise and bless the Holy Name.

Truly the Holy One is good, forever true and loving,

From age to age ever faithful.

***HYMN #9**

"Come, Let Us Praise the Lord"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, You who rule over all of us with justice and care, we your people confess that we do not submit ourselves to your rule, that we do not always participate in your reign of equity and integrity, that we have not followed the example you set forth. Instead, we often place our trust in leaders who let us down, and in our own flawed leadership of others. Lead us, Christ our Sovereign, and set us on the path to righteous rule in all that we do.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We who are dependent upon our divine ruler have Christ's example ever before us, to give us guidance and hope. Take heart that we are forgiven and may return to that example again and again and again.

***SIGN OF PEACE**

***HYMN #68**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FOR THE WORLD

Introductory Prayer

(A time of silence to reflect on the prayers below and those in your heart.)

In our broken world, we seek a new order.

Where there is courage to speak truth to power,

we seek a new order.

Where there is mutual support in church and community,

we seek a new order.

Where there is abundant time for healing,

we seek a new order.

Where there is peace and freedom for all, we seek a new order.

Closing Prayer

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH OF THE UCC

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the world into being, create persons in your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the Man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, you have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to yourself.

You bestow upon us your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into your Church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be your servants in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and to resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise all who trust you: forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in your realm which has no end. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

Christ our sovereign and servant sets forth a just and compassionate domain in which the needs of the vulnerable and the powerful hang in righteous balance. Let us share what we have as we work toward Christ's reign here on earth.

***DOXOLOGY HYMN #34** *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Righteous ruler, accept all that we have offered to you.

May these gifts we gather participate in your realm of truth.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Pastor Dan Clark

SCRIPTURE READING

Joan Fessler: *Revelation 1:4b-8*

Rev. Dan Clark: *John 18:33-37*

SERMON

*HYMN: #14

"Now Thank We All Our God"

*BENEDICTION

As you enter your own domain today, remember Christ's reign of justice and compassion, setting it before you as an example now and always.

POSTLUDE

"Rejoice! The Lord is King"

Billie Rhinehart, organ

arr. Franklin Ritter

*We welcome and thank Billie Rhinehart
for being our guest organist today.*

This service has been adapted from:
Rev. Dr. Laurel Koepf Taylor, Eden Theological Seminary,
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**Pastor Dan Clark and Pastor Ann Bolek
can be contacted if you are in need of pastoral care.
We are following CDC guidelines which may change
as the delta variant spreads.**

PARTICIPANTS

Billie Rhinehart, *Organist*

Wyatt Koller, *Acolyte*

Joan Fessler, *Lector*

Come, Let Us Praise the Lord

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C G/B C Am Cmaj7 F C G7 C G

1 Come, let us praise the Lord, with joy our God ac-claim, his
 2 Our God of match-less worth, our King be-yond com-pare, the
 3 In wor-ship bow the knee, our glo-rious God con-fess; the
 4 Come, hear his voice to-day, re-ceive what love im-parts; his

C Am Am7 D D/C G/B C G/B D7 G C F Bdim/D

great-ness tell a-broad and bless his sav-ing name. Lift high your
 deep-est bounds of earth, the hills, are in his care. He all de-
 great Cre-a-tor, he, the Lord of Right-eous-ness. He reigns un-
 ho-ly will o-bey and hard-en not your hearts. His ways are

C G/B C F/A C/G F E Am Dm/F C/G G7 C

songs be-fore his throne to whom a-lone all praise be-longs.
 crees, who by his hand pre-pared the land and formed the seas.
 seen: his flock he feeds and gent-ly leads in pas-tures green.
 best; and lead at last, all trou-bles past, to per-fect rest.

WORDS: Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-); para. Psalm 95
 MUSIC: John Darwall (1731-1789)

DARWALL'S 148th
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68 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise to thee an al-tar, hith-er by thy help I've come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt-or dai-ly I'm con-strained to be!

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar-rive at home.
 Let thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee;

$\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{D}{F\#}$ $\frac{A7}{E}$ D F#m G D

Teach me some me-lo-dious son-net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je-sus sought me when a stran-ger, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 prone to wan-der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

D A7 D A D G D $\frac{D}{A}$ A7 D

praise his name-I'm fixed up-on it-name of God's re-deem-ing love.
 he, to res-cue me from dan-ger, bought me with his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart, O, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a-bove.

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow 34

G D Em Bm Em D G D Em C G D

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

Em D/F# G D G/B C F#dim A G Em D Am G/B D7 G

praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.

WORDS: *Doxology*, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)
 MUSIC: Louis Bourgeois (ca. 1510-1561), *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

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14 Now Thank We All Our God

F C F Bb F Gm F A C F C7sus C7 F

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

F C F Bb Bb F Bb F C7 A Gm C7 F

who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,

C G C F C C F C Dm7 E Am

who, from our moth - er's arms, has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God whom earth and heaven a - dore;

Am D Gm D Gm F Gm Dm F C F

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

WORDS: Martin Rinkart (1586-1649); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878), alt.
 MUSIC: Johann Crüger (1598-1662); harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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