

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



## CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

100th Celebration of  
Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday  
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*Helping Others See Jesus' Grace In Me"*

# Order of Worship

## Christ The King/Reign Of Christ

*\* Congregation Stands/Rise in spirit*

### GATHERING MUSIC

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**\*INTROIT #119 (AA) ..... "Thou Art Worthy"**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**LEADER:** In this season when the hours of darkness grow long, Zechariah still sings with hope:

**PEOPLE:** "By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us."

**LEADER:** God sends light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

**PEOPLE:** God lifts us up and shines on us with redeeming love.

**LEADER:** So lift your voices! Sing with expectation!

**All:** We walk forward in God's light, trusting the One who makes all things new.

**\*OPENING HYMN #14 (GG) .....**

**"Oh Worship The King, All Glorious Above!"**

### **\* PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION** *(unison)*

Gracious and Guiding God, we gather with grateful hearts, praising You for the light that breaks into our darkness. You lead us in the noise and in the quiet, renewing our strength and calling us to trust the One who makes all things new. Fill this hour with Your presence let our hearts be opened, our minds be attentive, and our voices rise in joy and thanksgiving. Amen.

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

O God of justice and mercy, you call us to shepherd and protect those most vulnerable. We speak of Your justice, yet too often our actions leave others on the margins. We close our doors, turn away from those in need, and speak harshly in the name of safety. Even as we protest the pride and greed of the powerful, we sometimes take on their desire for control and privilege. We are tempted by the dream of the Good Life, where the well-being of some comes at the cost of many. Forgive us, O God. Raise us from our willful ignorance, draw us back into Your fold, and guide us to live as true shepherds of Your justice and mercy. Amen

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**SPECIAL SELECTION ..... "Come Thou Almighty King"**

*The Timothy Wright Rendition*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION ..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS ..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

**OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 946**

**NEW TESTAMENT: Colossians 1:11-20**

**SERMON ..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

**"Not Held Down by the System, Lifted by God "**

**INVITATIONAL HYMN #451 (GG).....**

**"Open My Eyes, That I May See"**

**INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed* - (unison)**

**\*\*\*\*\**Page 35 in the purple Glory to God Hymnal*\*\*\*\*\***

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

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**OFFERTORY SELECTION....."Ride On, King Jesus" *Spiritual***

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**CLOSING HYMN #313 (AA) ..... "I've Got A Feelin' "**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION..... Rev. Delton Farmer**

**RESPONSE ..... "Let The Church Say Amen"**

**POSTUDE**