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**WE WELCOME YOU ALL TO OUR SUNDAY SERVICE
AND APPRECIATE YOUR VIRTUAL PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION.**

November 22, 2020 + 10:00 AM
Reign of Christ/ Thanksgiving Sunday

Bolded text - said in unison by all

UMH - *United Methodist Hymnal*

TFWS – *The Faith We Sing*

** If able, please stand where indicated.*

CALLED TO PRAISE AND PRAY

Prelude

"We Gather Together" - Arr: David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship**

Leader: God comes searching for us, seeking our response; like a shepherd, God watches over us.

All: God provides for us all that we need; by still waters, God leads us to green pastures.

Leader: God fathers us from many backgrounds and traditions.

God rescues us from the shadows of our scattered places.

All: The worship of God restores our souls; the righteousness of God calms our fears.

Leader: God lifts us up to the mountain heights; here we are strengthened for life in the valley.

**All: Evil and death hold no terror for us; surely God's goodness and mercy will follow us.
Amen.**

*Opening Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

1. Come, ye thankful people, come, Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home!
2. All this world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to God we yield;
Wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ear to store in the garner evermore.

Opening Prayer

Pastor: Waken us from our sleep to sense your nearness, O God. Save your flock from enemies within and without, from temptation and division, from self-concern and lack of compassion. We gather to remember all you have done for us and to make our response. We come to find rest amid our weariness and grief. We come to be fed, for we hunger after the bread of life only you can provide. Meet us here to make us whole. In Jesus's name we pray. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

All: We confess, O God, that we have failed to see Jesus in the strangers around us. We have been doubtful that prisoners are worthy of our help. We blame the sick and hungry and homeless for their condition. Yet we too have been needy and weak and afraid. We walk through the same valley of the shadow of death. O God, forgive our self-concern that shuts out others and cuts us off from you. Amen. (Pausing for Siler Prayer...)

Leader: As all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. As we focus only on our own interests, our lives are diminished, but when the Spirit of Christ reigns in us, life becomes fulfilling

and purposeful. We are God's flock. We have known God's care. Our cups overflow. Let us give thanks for the goodness and mercy God has given.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sharing Our Joys & Concerns

Please share your joys and concerns in any of the following ways:

- Share it in the church's WhatsApp group (First UMC of Montclair).
- Write it as a comment on the wall of the Facebook Livestream.
- Send a text to Pastor Kim

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Children's Message

Dr. Leslie Lester

Responsive Hymn

Jesus, Name above All Names

TFWS 2071

Jesus, name above all names, beautiful Savior, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us, blessed Redeemer, living Word.

CALLED TO THE WORD

Psalter Reading

Psalm 100

UMH 821

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

Give thanks and bless God's name!

For the Lord is good;

God's steadfast love endures for ever; God's faithfulness to all generations.

Hymn of Illumination

He Is Exalted

TFWS 2070

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.

He is exalted, forever exalted and I will praise his name!

He is the Lord, forever his truth shall reign; heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 1:15-23

Bobbette Kelly

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and

what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 25:31-46

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

Praise Dance

Kudenga Kwakanaka

Nicole Peaks

Sermon

“Our King, Our Judge”

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

CALLED TO SHARE

Offering

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

UMH 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise God, all creatures here below:

Praise him above ye heavenly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

CALLED TO WITNESS IN THE WORLD

***Closing Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns All music but its own:
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.
3. Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, and round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend their fragrance ever sweet.
4. Crown Him the Lord of Love; behold His hands and side;
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou has died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

***Sending Forth**

Rev. Myungim Kim

***Circle of Blessing**

Shalom to You

UMH 666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

Postlude

"For the Beauty of The Earth" - Arr: James Manfield

Please continue to pray for all those affected by the pandemic.