



# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

## WORSHIP GUIDE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

### Announcements and Greeting

#### Prelude

#### Call to Worship

Leader: My fellow citizens of the Kingdom of God, today we celebrate the only ruler to whom we can give undivided loyalty:

**People: We celebrate Jesus of Nazareth, who is Christ the King.**

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who has chosen us and planted us in His vineyard.

**People: Blessed be Jesus Christ, who liberated us from sin, that we might fearlessly serve God with deeds of holiness and justice all the days of our lives.**

Leader: Behold the King!

**People: With humility and gratitude, we bow down and worship.**

#### Invocation

#### Hymn of Praise

"O Worship the King"

### Confession

Leader: Righteous God, You have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.

**People: We confess that we are hesitant to bow before Him, and are slow to acknowledge His rule over our lives.**

Leader: We give allegiance to the powers of this world.

**People: We fail to be governed by justice and love.**

Leader: We have allowed self to blind us, and pains to embitter us.

**People: We have forgotten that whatsoever we do to one of the least of Your children, we do to You.**

Leader: In Your mercy, forgive us.

**People: Pardon our shortcomings; forgive our neglect; give us a pure heart intent on pleasing you.**

(a time for personal reflection)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. God's love frees us from the world's bondage and allows us to live, love, and serve. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to our God and King. AMEN**

#### Old Testament Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16

#### Morning Prayer

Rev. Gary Ihfe

#### Hymn of Reflection

"You Are My King"

#### Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

#### Sermon

"Serving the King"

Rev. Jodie Ihfe

#### Hymn of Commitment

"Others"

#### Benediction

#### Postlude