

CHRIST THE KING/REIGN OF CHRIST SUNDAY

*The *asterisk is an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND WELCOME

Rev. Christopher Liberati

PREPARATION

Prelude *For the Beauty of the Earth*, arr. by Brian Childers
Wesley Ringers & Flutist-Heather Stewart

Opening Prayer Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

Jesus, friend and brother, you taught us to abide in your generous love, for it completes our lives and gives us joy; you ask us to love others as you have loved us, for it brings your creation to fruition. We sometimes struggle to love the people in our lives as you have loved us. Forgive us, we pray, and teach us your love again. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn *For the Beauty of the Earth* UM Hymnal 92

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

L: We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.

P: We come because we seek to abide in Christ.

L: The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.

P: We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.

L: If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.

P: We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.

L: We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God: Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.

P: May we grow wildly as God tends us lovingly.

Invitation to Children Rev. Christopher Liberati

Children's Song *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

Lyrics:

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Children's Message Rev. Lauren Clawson

INTO THE WORD

Psalm 23:1-3 Lay Reader: Gayle Keller

*John 15:5-8 Rev. Christopher Liberati

*Gloria Patri UM Hymnal 71

Message Remain Rev. Christopher Liberati

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer Hymn *This Is My Song* UM Hymnal 437

Morning Prayer Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop
Lord's Prayer Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

Invitation and Dedication for the Giving of Our Lives, Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings:

When we bring an offering to God it is a form of worship. Worshipping God with giving of our money reveals our hearts desire. We give sacrificially, generously, and continuously as a way of ascribing value to who God is in our lives and as we do so, our love for God and others grows.

Offertory *Let Us Pray for Peace*, by Kraft and Keesecker Chancel Choir

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* UM Hymnal 94
*Prayer of Dedication Liturgist: Wayne Dunlop

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Parting *O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines* UM Hymnal 729
Wesley Ringers & Congregation

*Benediction Rev. Christopher Liberati

Postlude *"Pièce héroïque"* by César Franck Dr. Rebecca Abbott

Choir Director: Mary Kepple

Today's Sound: Jassmine Bayless & Carol Moore

Live Stream: Max Heindl & Patsy Hommon

Ushers:

The Brooks

