



**A Wise Reign**

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. We extend a special welcome to our guests.

**F**or Children: We have trained nursery staff (paid nursery attendant as well as adult volunteers) for ages 0-4. The nursery is located on the first floor outside of the Community Room. (Accessible by the stairs from the Church Street Entrance or via the elevator). Children ages 5 and above are invited to stay and worship with their families. Children's programs, books, and crayons are located in the rear of the sanctuary near the welcome table.



**H**ymn selections can be found in the black hymnals in the pew racks or printed in the bulletin. If you are visiting and did not stop at the welcome desk in the downstairs lobby please stop by after the service they would love to meet you or, please feel free to reach out to someone sitting near you and ask them questions about the service or church. Many of our visitors ask us about the time of offering. This is a time in our service when we respond to God's gifts of love by offering the gifts of our lives. For many of us, this is when we make a financial gift towards the ministries and programs of our church. We also use this time to ask God how we might use the gifts of our hands and hearts in sharing God's love. If you are visiting, there is no obligation to give a financial gift. We are just glad you are worshipping with us. At this time we are taking offering at the end of the service. Plates for offering will be placed at the doors as you exit the sanctuary. Thank you.

**W**e ask that you please silence your cell phones during our worship service. We also ask that you refrain from applause after our choirs sing and allow the music to resonate in the quiet of the sanctuary and in your hearts. Our musicians are playing and singing for the glory of God. They know you appreciate their efforts and their gift.

Rest rooms (equipped with changing stations) are located on the first floor of the church building and outside the Community Room and the Nursery.

**T**here is much information about the church in this bulletin and our website: [www.erucc.org](http://www.erucc.org).

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**EVANGELICAL REFORMED CHURCH**  
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November 21, 2021

Reign of Christ

10:30 a.m.

**Chimes Concert** at 10:00 a.m. from Trinity Chapel's steeple

**Greetings and Announcements**

**Prelude** *Chimings of Thankfulness*

-- Dan R. Edward  
ERUCC Ringers

**\*Call to Worship**

Come, let us worship the One who says, "I am the Alpha and the Omega."

**Let us follow the One who shows us the way.**

Come, let us worship the One who loves us deeply.

**Let us follow the One who shows us the way.**

Come, let us worship the One who proclaims the truth.

**Let us follow the One who shows us the way.**

Come, let us worship the One who acts justly.

**Let us follow the One who shows us the way.**

Come, let us worship the One who promises possibilities of peace.

**Let us follow the One who shows us the way.**

Come, let us worship!

**Let us worship God!**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

**God of life, thank you for leading us to your way of justice, peace, love, and truth. You have given us examples of how we can live. You have taught us about truth. You have given us a glimpse of your reign, of your possibilities, and your promise. Help us to follow your example and to follow your way. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** *Lead on Eternal Sovereign*

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**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Prayer of Confession (in unison)**

**God of grace, sometimes we can become overwhelmed by the problems in this world, and so we do nothing. We can stray from following your way. We can ignore your truths. We think that our ways are the best way. Forgive us, God. Help us and correct us. Guide us on your path of peace and justice so that we can work towards your reign here on Earth. Amen.**

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news: God has made a covenant with us; an everlasting promise. God promises to help us. God promises to bring order where there has been disorder and God promises to be with us always. **Amen.**

**Thought for the Day for Children**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven  
hallowed by thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**\*Hymn *Jesus Shall Reign***

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**The Scriptures**

Hebrews 12: 1-2

NT Page 226

John 18: 33-37

NT Page 113

Reader: The word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. John Dorhaeur

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer Response *Hear Our Prayer, O God***

- No. 769

**Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God;  
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

## Call to Offering

### Offering of Tithes, Gifts and Lives to Christ's Service

Offertory Anthem *My Eternal King*

-- J. Marshall  
Senior Choir

#### \*Prayer of Dedication (in unison)

**God of grace, we offer you these gifts, our time, and our talents for your mission and ministry in the world. May these gifts be used for your glory as we wait for your reign. Amen.**

\*Closing Hymn *They Did Not Build in Vain*

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#### \*Benediction

Friends, as we go into the world, let us work towards God's reign.  
May we speak God's truth, may we be inspired by Jesus' way,  
and may the Spirit grant us courage to lead, to follow, and to serve.

And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us now and always, **Amen.**

\*Sevenfold Amen

-- No. 814

**Postlude** (*remain seated*)

**We welcome UCC General Minister and President, The Rev. Dr. John Dorhaeur, to our worship this morning.** The Rev. Dr. Dorhauer, author and theologian, currently serves as ninth General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ.

John began his ministry serving Zion United Church of Christ and First Congregational United Church of Christ in rural Missouri. He then served as Associate Conference Minister in the Missouri Mid-South Conference, followed by Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference.

Dorhauer received a B.A. in Philosophy from Cardinal Glennon College and has a Master of Divinity degree from Eden Theological Seminary. John received a Doctor of Ministry degree from United Theological Seminary, studying *White Privilege and Its Effect on the Church*.

With a personal theology shaped in the passionate conviction that God is love and God is just, John has embodied the United Church of Christ's vision of "A Just World for All" throughout his ministry. John initiated the collaborative creation of a

curriculum, “White Privilege: Let’s Talk – A Resource for Transformational Dialogue”. Designed to invite UCC members and others to engage in safe, meaningful, substantive, and bold conversations on race, the curriculum and accompanying facilitator’s guide have been used by both UCC and non-UCC audiences. It has since been translated into German for use by our partners in Germany as they struggle with a rising tide of racism and seek to learn more about the manifestations of white privilege in their cultural context.

In addition, John has partnered with the UCC Board of Directors in providing oversight for the articulation of the denomination’s statements of Purpose, Vision and Mission – critical elements for the UCC’s evolving organizational strategy. In partnership with the UCC Board of Directors – and informed with responses from across the church to the question “what does a transformative UCC need to be in ten years?”– John has called the church to accomplish essential strategic priorities over the next 10 years to position the church for a transformative future.

More recently, recognizing a need for thought leadership to consider, inform and shape our responsibility for lifelong, cradle-to-the-grave theological formation, John called for a summit on theological formation, From the Ground Up. John recently oversaw the launch of a Research and Development office in the National Setting. Its purpose is to coach innovation, identify places where creative leaders are architecting and birthing new pathways for evangelism, and providing critical data on what is working and why.

John insists that the Holy Spirit envisions a future in which the United Church of Christ matters. He is calling on the denomination to rethink itself and to consider new ways of being church in light of institutional religion’s changing landscape, emerging shifts in the generational populations, and life after COVID. John’s book *Beyond Resistance: The Institutional Church Meets the Postmodern World* is a call to the body of Christ to accept what the Spirit of the Risen Christ is doing to birth something new, vital, and relevant – all towards nurturing the Beloved Community. John married Mimi in 1984. They have co-parented three amazing children and they now both enjoy time with two beautiful grandchildren.

**Worship Notes:** Today’s liturgy is from *Seasons of the Spirit*, 2018.

*The flowers on the altar* are given in loving memory of our parents John and Olive Derr and Gilmore and Katherine Trout by Michael and Sandra Trout.

*The yellow rose bud* on the stand is placed by Tom and Evie Frazier in memory of Cpt. Alan B. Harriman, USAF – KIA in Vietnam on August 15, 1964.

If you are interested in sponsoring the yellow rose, please contact the church office.

Attendance Last Sunday: 22 at 8:30 a.m. 122 at 10:30 a.m. and 68 online.



Every Sunday at 10:30

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**Today: Nov. 21, 2021**

Deacons: Joe Adkins, Matt Davis  
Elders: Cliff Barr  
Greeters: Linda Coyle, Tom & Rachel Ford

Welcome: Holly Davis  
Sound: Kelly Esslinger, Amanda Spencer,  
Jack Day  
Chimers: Saturday: Suzanne Morris  
Sunday: Kelly Esslinger

**Next Week: Nov. 28, 2021**

Betsy Selby, Andrew Beadle  
Laura Rhoderick  
Rob Peters, Felecia Bishop,  
Anne Hoffman  
Pat Condo  
Tadd Clarkson, Jeff Baker,  
Jeff Schaeberle  
Tricia Coffey  
Robin and David Cooney

**Worship Next Week: November 28, 2021 First Sunday of Advent**

God's steadfast love invites us to enter Advent by trusting and living out the realm Jesus proclaims. Luke 21: 25-36 describes part of Jesus' final week in Jerusalem. The setting is the temple and Jesus predicts the destruction of the temple. Jeremiah 33: 14-16 declares the coming of God's new day. I Thessalonians 3: 9-13 offers the blessing of God's presence for days yet to come.

We will begin lighting the four advent candles as we move towards Christmas. The Senior Choir will be singing.

**Photos of Doors Needed:** Send us a photo of the front door of your house or apartment. Our theme for Advent for this year is, Housing the Holy, and our guiding image will be an open door. Please send your photos to [bkdanield@erucc.org](mailto:bkdanield@erucc.org) and they will become part of a new art installation in the hallway outside the Liz Coffey Room and the Marj Menchey Berkheimer Music Suite. Thank you.

REIGN OF CHRIST  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 21, 2021

John 18:33-37

A Wise Reign  
*Thanksgiving Sunday*

Jesus talked about money more than any other topic. Eleven of his forty parables were about money and he talked more about money than faith and prayer combined. Why was money so important to Jesus? Because he knew and preached the truth that how we earn, save, and spend our money is one of the most telling markers of our spiritual life.

Since 1993, The United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund (<https://www.cornerstonefund.org/>) has helped to bring Jesus's words to life for congregations and individuals. According to their website, the UCC Cornerstone Fund "helps local churches and non-profit organizations create change within their communities. And we're building transformative products that not only empower these communities, but also help our clients earn even more on their investments."

Founded in 1993 as a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, the UCC Cornerstone Fund holds more than \$100 million dollars in total assets with a total of 3000+ investors. In just a few decades, they have financed more than 650 projects worth more than \$275,000,000 across the United States. They champion green building, supporting projects that save more than 350,000 kWh in energy usage per year. And they help churches save \$3.1 million every year with their refinancing programs.

The website of the Cornerstone Fund (<https://www.cornerstonefund.org/>) offers a wealth of free advice on conscious investing, funding college education and more. There are stories there, too, about churches that have been helped by the Cornerstone Fund to breathe new life into their structures and ministries.

Let the Cornerstone Fund inspire you to plan ahead and to follow Christ's teachings.



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