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# **10:00 AM REIGN OF CHRIST / THANKSGIVING SUNDAY November 20, 2022**



**THE COMMUNITY GATHERS**

*If you are new to worship, welcome and please fill out a blue visitor card.*

*Throughout the order of worship, if the print is in bold, words may be spoken in unison.*

**GATHERING MUSIC** "Voluntary for Organ Duet"

(Based on Five Hymns of Praise) Charles Callahan

“Variations on

‘Praise to the Lord, the Almighty’” Michael Burkhardt

Jan Stover and Mark Thallander, Organ Duets

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE** *(Please remain in your seat while passing the peace of Christ.)*

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

**PRELUDE** Medley:“Amazing Grace” arr. Fred Swann

and

“Hymn of Majesty and Praise” arr. Mark Thallander

Mark Thallander, Organ

**FROM BREAD & CUP TO FAITH & GIVING**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**All: Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life anew,**

**that I may love the way you love, and do what you would do.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**[[1]](#footnote-1)

One: O God, hear our confession of our sins.

**All: We know that we are already rich; we have enough, more than many can imagine.**

One: but too often we fall into the trap of wanting more

**All: Even with our wealth, perhaps because of our wealth, we need help to live faithfully.**

One: Forgive us, we pray. Lead us to live boldly as generous witnesses to the strength we have in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

One: Friends, hear this Good News: the love of God is beyond measure, and you are included in that love. Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**All: Alleluia! Amen.**

**CHILDRENS MOMENT** Mark Thallander

**\*HYMN** “I Thank You, Jesus” No. 116

**SCRIPTURE** Acts 2:43-47 Nancy Lightbody

**ALL-AGES INTERACTIVE SERMON**  Rev. Amelia Edson

**\*HYMN** “Let All Things Now Living” No. 717

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**STEWARDSHIP MOMENT** Mark Howison

**THE OFFERTORY** “To God All Praise and Glory”Ron Nelson

**& BLESSING OF OUR GIFTS** Chancel Choir

**\*DOXOLOGY** No. 46

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** “Go in Peace” No. 445

**POSTLUDE** “Toccata on ‘Hymn to Joy’” arr. Joel Martinson

Mark Thallander, Organ

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***\**** *Please stand in body or spirit*

## Thank you to our worship participants:

Presiding: Rev. Amelia Edson

Minister of Music: Jan Stover

Guest Organist, Assistant: Mark Thallander, Marty Thyng

Stewardship Moment: Mark Howison

Ushers: Sue Perry, Larry Perry

Liturgist: Nancy Lightbody

Online Worship: Virginia Eddy, Tom Stegemann, Jack Gervais

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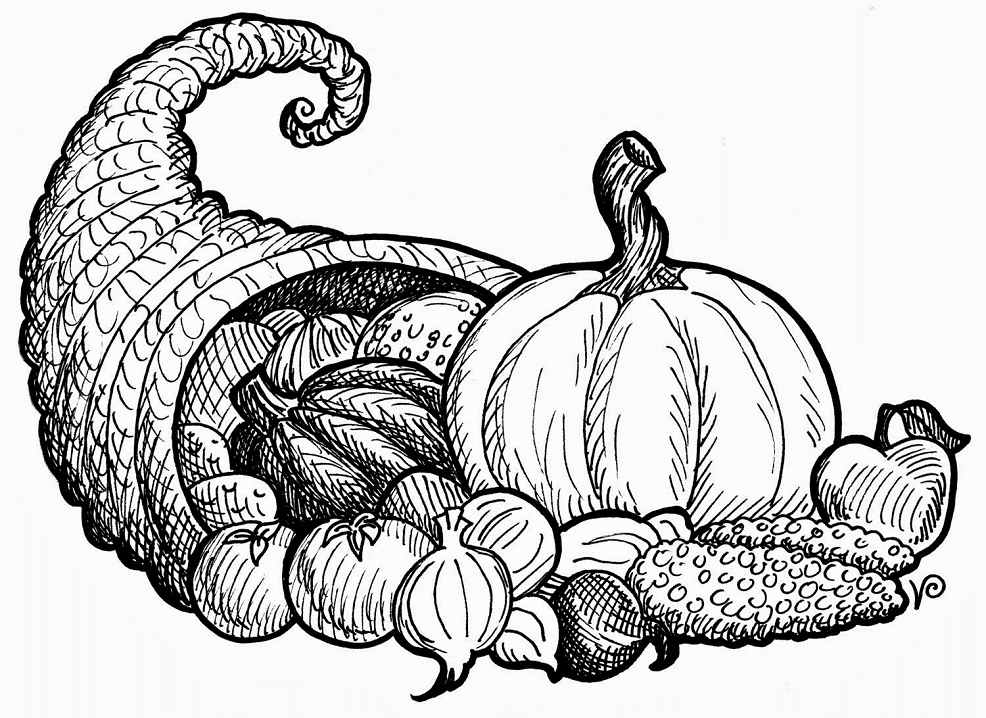
**Next Sunday’s Lectionary**

Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36:44

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*The flowers today are given in loving memory of*

*Florence M. McCann from her family.*

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*The beautifully decorated cornucopia that graces the chancel this morning is given in gratitude and love for the many blessings of our church’s family.*

1. Adapted from Prayers for Stewardship from UCC Worship Ways [https://www.ucc.org/worship-way/worship\_worship-ways\_year-b\_p\_pentecost-ordinary-time-4/](about:blank) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)