

**East Bangor
United Methodist Community Church
November 20th, 2022
Christ the King Sunday**

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS/PRELUDE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

We come together in the house of the Lord only through God's mercy.

For we have all sinned and fallen short before the glory of God.

Yet through Christ, God does not hold our sins before us.

Through Christ we walk in freedom and love to reach out to the world.

In Christ we take compassion and not God's wrath to the world.

Blessed be the name of the Lord!

***HYMN #157**

“Jesus Shall Reign”

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom spread from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Jesus endless prayer be made,
and endless praises crown his head;
his name like sweet perfume shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
all prisoners leap and loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!**

*** MORNING PRAYER**

Royal One, crowned with thorns, remember us when you come into your kingdom, preparing us now by your gracious Spirit to live with you in Paradise. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF ALL AGES

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 23:1 - 6

23 “Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!” declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: “Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done,” declares the LORD. ³ “I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ “The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.

⁶ In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 1:9 - 20

⁹ For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰ so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹ being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³ For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

CHOIR ANTHEM

“We Thank You, Lord”
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Angerman and Martin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

***THE DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN OF PREPARATION #370**

“Victory in Jesus”
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**I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how He gave His life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about His groaning, of His precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.**

Refrain:

**Oh, victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me 'ere I knew him and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.**

**I heard about his healing, of His cleansing power revealing,
how He made the lame to walk again And caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. [Refrain]**

**I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. [Refrain]**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 23:33 - 43

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

MESSAGE

“Victory in Jesus”

Pastor Dave

***RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

“The Apostles Creed”

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***HYMN OF DISMISSAL #327**

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

**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.**

**Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.**

**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 paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

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 hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

“May the Light of God Go With You”
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Don Besig and Nancy Price

May the light of God go with you;
may it brighten everyday.
May it shine upon each path you take
and guide you on your way
May the grace of God sustain you;
may it make your spirit new.
May it bring you hope and give you joy
in all you say and do.

***ORGAN POSTLUDE**