November 22, 2020-Christ the King Sunday After Pentecost 10:30 AM *Those who are able, please stand" WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

<u>WELCOME</u> We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today. We sincerely hope the service will inspire you and be a blessing to you. This is Christ the King Sunday. Here the church concludes one Christian year and looks forward to Advent-Christmas-Epiphany, with which the next year begins.

MUSICAL PRELUDE: "All Creatures of Our Lord and King" (Pianist) Mavis Baldwin

WORDS OF ASSURANCE (In Unison)

As we have entered this church with thanksgiving on our hearts, let us remember that we have the opportunity to joyfully share from the bounty which God has provided. In the name of Jesus Christ who brings peace and hope to us, we are forgiven, healed and enabled to be part of the ministries of compassion in God's world. Rejoice! You are chosen and loved! AMEN

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord continually watches all of God's own sheep.

People: God seeks us out and protects us. God brings us to the safe shelter of his compassion.

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Leader: God reaches out in love, healing our wounds and transforming our lives People: They are led to green pastures and brought before stilled waters.

Leader: Praise God for God's tender and loving care of us. **People: Thanks to God for all the mercies God shows to us.** Leader: Let us enter God's house with hearts filled with joy.

People: O Lord, open our spirits to respond to your words of compassion.

All: We are called to receive that love and reach out in compassion to others.

GATHERING HYMN: "Crown him with Many Crowns" UMH 327

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (In Unison)

God of Justice and peace, your steadfast love is present in this place and resides within each of us. Bring your dazzling light into our hearts and spirits that we might see the glorious opportunities we have to serve you. Help us know your loving presence as we live as your gathered community. Enlighten our hearts, that we may know the hope to which we have been called. Help us to see that following You is an act of great privilege and joy.

We praise you for the light of your son, Jesus Christ, who boldly bids us care for each other and become those who would bring good news of peace for all. Bring the joy of this day into our hearts. Flood our lives with your words of hope that our ministries may glow with delight at serving you by serving others. Bless this church as we grow and continue to learn what you would have us do. Cause us to be a haven of peace and hope in this world. AMEN.

<u>Time with God's Children:</u> Pray for all the children of the World today as they struggle with the same fears and concerns that we all have.

SHARING OUR JOYS & CONCERNS (Prayer request forms are available at the back of the sanctuary)

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen, Amen, Amen"

GIVING OF OURSELVES & OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY "O Worship The King" Jackie CApasso and Nancy Estes

DOXOLOGY "Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKSGING

There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts you have given us, and we bring these tokens to you today, asking for your blessings on them. Help these gifts to be your witnesses throughout our church, our community and the world. AMEN.

SONG OF COMMITMENT "He Lives" UMH 310

Christ the King Prayer (In unison) Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation. Grant that all the people of the Earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentile rule of Jesus Christ, who loves and reigns forever and ever. Amen UMH 721

Affirmation of Faith: Apostle's Creed UMH 881

<u>GLORIA PATRI:</u> Let us recite the Gloria Patri together.. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Scripture Readings Ephesians 1:15-23 - Matthew 25:31-46

SHARING THE STORY "It's Time to claim Our Inheritance" Pastor Joyce

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE Free Lunch Monday 11:30-12:30

SENDING SONG "The battle Hymn of the Republic" UMH 717

THE SENDING FORTH (unison)

Hear the cries of those in need! Go into God's world, enabled by Christ to be in ministries of compassion for all God's people. Love this world as God has loved you. Be ready to care tenderly for all of creation. Go and faithfully share your love and care for others in the name of Jesus. AMEN

MUSICAL POSTLUDE "Rejoice The Lord Is King" Mavis Baldwin

The flowers on the Alter are a Thanksgiving Tribute from John and Elaine Pickard

Prayer List: The family of Dale Bonfey, The family of Bev Scribner, The family of Nancy Hulbert, Aaron and Gary Scribner family, Ryan Davis, Kevin Williams, Jeff Davis, Don Williams, Penna Smith, Pat Quick, Irving Livingston, Connie Shepard, Donna Thompson, Karen Holly, Tanya LaVada, and any other prayers in your heart this day. Prayers for our World this day and every day.

Office Hours are Monday 10AM - 1:00 PM - Wed 9AM - 1PM or by Appointment

Our Terri Lynn Nuts and Candy Fundraiser Website is open Use https://www.northmainstUMC.terrilynn.com

*** If you have a joy or a prayer request or would like to be a part of the Prayer Chain group, please call Carol Johnson at 518-844-3354***

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