

HE REIGNS

Peace United Church of Christ
Reign of Christ Sunday

Elkader, Iowa 52043
November 24, 2024

PRELUDE: "Jesus Shall Reign"
by John Hatton arranged by Stan Pethel

CANDLELIGHTING, BELL RINGING, ANNOUNCEMENTS

THEME:

L: From the first day of Advent so long ago, we have come full circle to the celebration of the Reign of Christ Sunday, also known as Christ the King Sunday.

P: Through this past year, we have witnessed the wonderful birth, the great healing moments, the teachings that have sustained people through the centuries.

L: We cried in sorrow at the crucifixion and then rejoiced with absolute joy on Easter.

P: Jesus conquered our greatest fear—death. And we have been continued to celebrate the great Good News of followers who have risked everything to proclaim that Good News to all people.

L: Now, today, we invite Jesus our King into our hearts.

***SONG OF THE KING:**

"Crown with Your Richest Crowns" #301

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

L: Come, let us bow down and worship the King of Kings, the Lord of Lords.

P: At his birth, the angels proclaimed it. Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor, the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, the Prince of Peace.

L: Now let us honor the Prince of Peace by greeting each other with peace and joy, love and grace.

(pass the peace and then be seated)

L: Through Jesus' teaching and his life, we learn how to live for and to God.

P: By Jesus' death and resurrection, we have been saved and claimed by God because of God's eternal love.

L: Today, in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim the truth with our lives that "Christ Jesus is Lord and King!" **P: AMEN!**

THE WORD FROM THE KING OF KINGS

OLD TESTAMENT:

Daniel 7:9-10: 13-14

Arlene Reimer

EPISTLE:

Revelation 1:4b-8

Arlene Reimer

PAUSE TO SING AND REJOICE:

"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing" #303

GOSPEL:

John 18:33-37

Pastor Paula

MESSAGE: "What is the Truth about kings and THE KING?"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 and ever. AMEN.

OFFERING INVITATION LITANY:

L: I am an independent person. I don't need anyone and no one owns me!

P: Come, bow down before your Lord and King, Jesus!

L: I don't need a king. Yet, you say that Jesus is king. Where is his kingdom?

P: His kingdom is in your heart and spirit. He seeks to be your friend and you to be his witness.

L: In this world? That's impossible. This world is so full of war and violence, viciousness and hatred, threats of revenge, acts of rage.

P: There is more than that. Open your eyes. You can be a blessing to someone. You can offer your help to a person in need. You can support people who are in ministries of caring and compassion. You can cover the expenses even though you cannot directly provide for them. You see, Christ's reigns inside you.

L: I never thought of it that way. But I don't feel controlled or ruled over. So, I'm actually doing what God wants?

P: Yes, you are part of the kingdom of God team. Keep on working. There is much to be done in the name of Jesus our King. That is the truth!

L: I cannot do this alone. Let us join together and give generously of our time, talents and treasures.

OFFERING.

OFFERTORY: "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

by Jacob Hintze

***THE DOXOLOGY:**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above you heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son and the Holy Ghost.

AMEN

***BENEDICTION:**

L: Go forth!

P: Hold fast to the King of Kings, Jesus Christ!

L; Proclaim the Good News through word and deed.

P: Let us go forth, keeping the love of our King inside us. For our King is our hope and guide. He testifies to the truth and has been with us, is with us and will be with us for eternity.

L: Let us give thanks to God!

***SENDING FORTH SONG:**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#419

***POSTLUDE:** “Let All Things Now Living”
Traditional Welsh Melody

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Worship Leaders

Today-November 24th

Worship: Pastor Paula

Reader: Arlene Reimer

Fellowship: Cookie Cupboard

Organist: Laura Moser

Ushers: Dean, Joanne Gray

Opening/ Dean, Joanne Gray

Closing

PRAYER LIST: Bob, Cheryl, Dr. Cranston, Greg Anderson, Gus Augustson, Dave & Diane B-H, Terry Baumgartner, Eli Belser, Betty Buchholz, Jonah Burns and Burns' family, Cheryl, Deb Dennler, Wayne Frentress, Karen Glesne, Linda Glesne, Penny Jacobson, Karla, Ruth Grau, Gerry Kramer, Gary & Nancy Kuehl, Louise, Marlene Marmann, Mary Ann McMillin, Marilyn Nielsen, Ruth and Jenny Olson, Pat, Lucena Phelps, Elaine Radloff, Sharon Reichert, Peyton Rentschler, Harry & Gloria Robbins, Joan Strauss, Father James; family of Alvera Palas

Next Sunday, Dec. 1st

Pastor Paula

Laura Moser

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

9 a.m.-noon—Monday, Wednesday

8-11 a.m.-----Tuesday FRIDAY—OFFICE CLOSED

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Tuesday: 11 a.m. Clergy Text Study group
DEADLINE FOR BULLETIN

Wednesday: No Bell or Chancel Choirs

Thursday: HAPPY THANKSGIVING—office closed

Friday: Pastor's Day Off—office closed

Saturday: Worship Preparation

OPENING FOR CHURCH SECRETARY: Peace UCC is currently seeking a part time church secretary. In the TIDINGS, a job description is included.

**CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HURRICANES RELIEF
THROUGH THE UCC:**

Make check to UCC: on memo line-Hurricanes 2024

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1ST—Hanging of the Greens after worship and Potluck

Advent Worship Series begins on December 1st! The theme is A Christmas Letter from Jesus!