

St. Timothys United Methodist Church – Cedar Falls, Iowa
November 22, 2009 – 10:15 am
Christ the King Sunday/Thanksgiving Sunday

Large print bulletins and hymnals and hearing aid devices are available.
A nursery is provided for children younger than First Grade.
Ask an usher to help you.

Gathering

Prelude *"Theme from 'God So Loved the World'"* Sir John Stainer

(We invite you to use the prelude as a time for centering on God, the Holy, the Spirit, the Living Jesus. Please be considerate of others for whom this is a quiet time.)

Greeting and Welcome

Call to Worship

Responsively

Leader: Come, let us worship and give thanks.

All: God has given that which is good, and our land has yielded her increase.

L: Justice and righteousness go before the Lord,

All: to make a pathway.

***Thanksgiving Song** *"Now Thank We All Our God"* Red hymnal 102

Unison Prayer

Gracious God of harvest and of all good things, we come to give you thanks and praise. We invoke your gentlest blessings on all who gather in this place, that we may know your presence and surrender to your will. Grant that our fondest ambitions may be conformed to your all-wise guidance and great purposes in the earth. So may our sons and daughters have cause to thank you as we thank you this day and all our days. Amen.

Praying

Call to Prayer *"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"* Black hymnal 2193

Sharing Joys and Concerns

(After each joy or concern, we sing, **"Lord, listen to your children praying."**)

Silent Prayer

Lord's Prayer (sing responsively)

Black hymnal 2278

King
Jesus

***Passing the Peace**

Listening to the Word

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| Scripture Song | " <i>Jesus Shall Reign</i> " | Red hymnal 157 |
| The Christian Gospel | John 18:33-37 | Pew Bible 113 |
| Anthem | " <i>A Simple Thanksgiving</i> " – Joseph Martin Carole Yates, flute | Chancel Choir |
| Sermon | "King Jesus" | Dick Clark |
| Sermon Response | " <i>Christ Beside Me</i> " | Black hymnal 2166 (1) |

Responding to the Word

Opportunities and Announcements

Offertory Sentence

Liturgist

"In its simplest terms, the Kingdom of God that Jesus announced and embodied is what life would be like on earth, here and now, if God were king and the rulers of this world were not (Borg, Crossan). Imagine if God ruled the nations, and not Obama, Medvedev, Kim Jong-il, Mugabe, or Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. Every aspect of personal and communal life would experience a radical reversal. The political, economic, and social subversions would be almost endless – peace-making instead of war mongering, liberation not exploitation, sacrifice rather than subjugation, mercy not vengeance, care for the vulnerable instead of privileges for the powerful, generosity instead of greed, humility rather than hubris, embrace rather than exclusion, etc. The ancient Hebrews had a marvelous word for this, *shalom*, or human well-being." -"Can a Good Christian Be a Good Citizen? The Reign of Christ the King," Journey with Jesus, by Daniel B. Clendenin.

Offertory "Offertory" Early American Melody

***Dedication Song** "Seek Ye First" Red hymnal 405

***Prayer of Dedication** Unison

Lord of the harvest, God of the great ingathering, we do praise and thank you for all your bountiful gifts. Receive now our tithes and offerings, that your work in the world may also prosper. And grant that we may give not only our substance but ourselves in covenant, to the end that mercy and justice and peace may prevail in the earth. Amen.

Going Forth

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| *Closing Song | <i>"Rejoice the Lord Is King"</i> | Red hymnal 715 |
| *Blessing | | |
| *Blessing Response | <i>"Joy to the World"</i> | Red hymnal 246(1) |
| *Postlude | <i>"Ave Verum"</i> | W. Mozart |

* = The Congregation is invited to stand