

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024**

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Advent Study @ Cadillac UMC**  
**Tuesdays beginning December 3, @ 10:00 a.m.**  
**in Fellowship Hall**

**Led by Judy Coffey and Margaret Himes**

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Advent Devotions" will be our guide in this season of preparation for the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. With inspiration from Henri J.M. Nouwen, paired with daily scripture readings, reflections and prayers, the study will offer quiet moments amid the busyness during this holy season of preparation. Talk to Pastor Karen if you would like a book.

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S DIVINE PRESENCE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (congregation in bold)**

Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the "*The Reign of Christ.*" Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ's wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.**

**Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

**\*OPENING HYMN - "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" UMH 715**

**\*UNISON OPENING PRAYER**

**We come this day, rejoicing in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth, the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. 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 with our lives, "Christ is Lord!" Amen.**

**WE CONFESS OUR SINS TO GOD**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**We have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler. His kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. That love extends beyond the borders of our lives, into a world in which there is fear and alienation, hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness. Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned, welcome the stranger. These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow, we have treated them as nice words but not an active part of our life of faith. Forgive us, God, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that we might truly be worthy disciples**

of yours. Help us to find the forgiveness which you have given to us and to do your will. Amen.

**A MOMENT FOR SILENT CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**WE HEAR GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

**SCRIPTURE READING – John 18:33-37**

**SERMON – “In Between: Christ, the King”**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE – “Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**UMH 327**

**MINISTRY OF PRAYER**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

**WE RESPOND IN JOYFUL SERVICE**

**OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS TO GOD**

**Offertory**

**\*Doxology – “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

**UMH 95**

**\*Unison Prayer of Dedication**

**With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name. Amen.**

**WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN – “Jesus Shall Reign” UMH 157**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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**Sabbath Day: Friday**