CLOSING SONG*	**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee** (*Henry Van Dyke, words; Ludwig van Beethoven, music*)	Congregation
HYMN NO. 59	**All Verses - Try to Sing in Harmony**	
CLOSING PRAYER		Tim Spangler
POSTLUDE		Katy Kristoffersen
CHARGE AND BLESSING		Pastor Melinda Veatch

OUR MISSION

- We are a loving and compassionate church family that respects the dignity and integrity of each individual.
- We find our joy and meaning through faith in God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.
- We seek to promote Christian unity and to encourage understanding and cooperation with those from different traditions.
- We seek to foster deeper relationships with God and each other through worship, fellowship, growth and service.

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NOVEMBER 22, 2026

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

MEDITATION

Jesus, to be sure, often spent long times alone in prayer. But he was also deeply at home where there was a party, a kingdom party, a celebration of the fact that God was at last taking charge.

– N. T. Wright

Often we comfort ourselves only with words, but if we pray enough, the conviction will come too that Christ is our King, not Stalin, Bevins, or Truman. That He has all things in His hands, that all things work together for good for those that love Him.

– Dorothy Day

Any dance of celebration must weave both the sorrows and the blessings into a joyful step....To heal is to let the Holy Spirit call me to dance, to believe again, even amid my pain, that God will orchestrate and guide my life.

— Henri Nouwen

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pastor Melinda Veatch
PRELUDE	**How Great Thou Art** *(Stuart K. Hine)*	Vince Snowbarger - Soloist
CALL TO WORSHIP		Tim Spangler

Leader: Brothers and sisters in faith, God has enthroned Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, the merciful, giving him all authority and power in this world and the world that is to come

People: Brothers and sisters in faith, God has enthroned Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek, the merciful, giving him all authority and power in this world and the world that is to come.

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

People: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Let us worship our God, giving thanks and praising God's loving name!

OPENING PRAYER		Tim Spangler
WELCOMING SONG*	**Come, Ye Thankful People, Come** (*Henry Alford, words; George J. Elvey, music*)	Congregation
HYMN NO. 721	**Verses 1, 2, and 4**	

SCRIPTURE READING **Psalm 16:5-11** Joan Moyer

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.
The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.
I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I keep my eyes always on the Lord.
With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.
Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.
You make known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM **Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing** UCSJ Choir

(*Robert Robinson, words; John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813; Arr. Sufjan Stevens; Setting by Katy Kristoffersen*)

Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount - I'm fixed upon it -
Mount of Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer,
Hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
Seal it for Thy courts above.

Congregation joins in singing:

La la la,
La la la,
La la la la la la la.

Come Thou fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
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Teach me some melodious sonnet,
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La la la la la la la.

SCRIPTURE READING **John 2:1-11** Pastor Melinda Veatch

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

After this he went down to Capernaum with his mother and brothers and his disciples.

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **Unexpected Wonder** Pastor Melinda Veatch

RESPONSIVE SONG **Praise and Thanksgiving** Congregation

(*Albert F. Bayly, words; Gaelic melody, music*)

HYMN NO. 722

Verse 1: ALL
Verse 2: WOMEN
Verse 3: MEN
Verse 4: ALL

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE WITH OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your continued support of the church and our mission.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

DOXOLOGY* ***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;***
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Tim Spangler and Pastor Melinda Veatch

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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.