



St. John's Chapel  
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November 20, 2011

Reign of Christ

10:15 A.M.

Thanksgiving/ Memorial/ Stewardship Sunday

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(\* Denotes when all who are able to please stand.)

10:15 am

**Meditative Prelude to Worship**

Overture by Kyle Aho

*As we gather for worship we invite you to observe silence and enter into reflection.*

*The theme of today's worship will focus on Matthew's picture of the day Christ will reign triumphant and the righteous will be separated from the unrighteous. You might want to read and reflect on Matthew 25: 31-46*

*Or you may wish to light a candle at the Communion table to symbolize the concerns or joys you carry with you to worship, or whatever is in your heart and mind.*

*Communion is also available at the altar during this time.*

**Lighting of Candles**

10:30 am

**Ringling of Bells**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Celebration**

Leader: God's breath stirs the trees in the forest and the traffic lights in the city.

**People: God, we feel Your presence.**

Leader: God's voice speaks in thunder and surf, in poem and concert hall.

**People: God, we listen for Your voice.**

Leader: God's will abound in giving hearts.

**Unison: God we come seeking to be comforted and enable to do Your will.**

**\*Hymn of Celebration**

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

No. 59

**\*Remembering Those Who Have Passed Through Death  
and Entered Eternal Life This Past Church Year:**

**\*Call to Confession**

**\*Silent Meditation and Confession**

**\*Unison Prayer of Confession**

Good and Gracious God, we confess to You our lack of understanding:  
We do not see how our actions break Your world, Your people and Your  
heart. The earth groans waiting for justice, but we do not hear it. The waters  
and floods protest our violence, but we do not listen. You speak in language  
of wheat and weed, mustard seed and pearl, and field and fish; things we  
grasp with our hands and count them, not comprehending that You have  
hidden the mysteries of Your kingdom within them. We remember the rain-  
bow as Your promise to us alone, and forget that You made covenant with  
all beings, for the well-being of Your world. Please forgive us. Amen.

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\*Gloria Patri**

(“Glory Be to the Father” No. 9 in *Sing to the Lord*)

**Children’s Time**

Mr. Chuck Andrews

*(Children may exit after for Pageant Practice)*

**Anthem**

“Let There Be Music”

by Frances Williams

**Reading of Holy Scripture**

Matthew 25: 31-46

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**Sermon**

“The Day Oneness Ruled”

The Rev. Becky Hebert

**\*Hymn**

“Let Your Heart Be Broken”

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**Prayers of the People, Lord's Prayer** (using debts and debtors) & **Choral Response**

**Offertory** "Chapel Chimes" By M. Greenwald  
requested by Mary Kirkpatrick

**\*Doxology and Dedication Prayer** ("Praise God" No. 7 in *Sing to the Lord*)

**\*Closing Hymn** "Let all Things Now Living" No. 769

**United Church of Christ Statement of Faith in Form of a Doxology**

We believe in You, O God, Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

You judge people and nations by Your righteous will declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior,

You have come to us and shared our common lot,

Conquering sin and death and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ,

Binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,

To be Your servants in the service of others, To proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil,

To share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust you forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace,

courage in the struggle for justice and peace,

Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you. Amen.

**\*Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response** "How Can I Keep From Singing"

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VERSES:

1. My life flows on in end-less song; a -  
 1. far-off hymn that hails a new cre-a-tion.  
 No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that Rock I'm  
 cling-ing. Since Love is Lord of heav-en and earth,  
 How can I keep from sing-ing?

**Postlude**

“He Took My Sins Away ”

by Margaret Harris

**Our Mission Statement**

St. John's Chapel UCC is called to love unconditionally, seek justice, foster spiritual growth, and embrace diversity of thought and body as taught by Jesus Christ.

**Important Christmas Information**

**Crosslines Toystore: We are collecting toys and diapers, size 1, for infants. Deadline to bring these items is December 11th.**

**The BOSM is collecting items to send to Sgt. Matthew Gromer overseas. Please see the sheet on the bulletin board in the Narthex for details.**

**Our Stewardship for Sunday, November 13, 2011**

Worship 77 Offering: \$2,443.00

*The average weekly offering needed to meet annual budget is \$2,423.00*