



CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

**November 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.
Christ the King Sunday**

**First United Methodist Church of Newton
111 Ryerson Avenue, Newton NJ**

Order of Worship

(*Please rise in body or in spirit.)

PRELUDE		Christie Spriggs
GREETING		Rev. Todd Lattig
*CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)		Kathleen Meredith
	Make a joyful noise, a noise of service and love.	
	Praise God with lives of compassion.	
	Sing with acts of kindness.	
	Glorify God with acts of mercy.	
	Praise God with works of justice.	
	Praise God with overflowing love.	
*HYMN	“We Gather Together”	UMH 131
*OPENING PRAYER (unison)		Kathleen Meredith
	God of grace and God of glory, reveal yourself through our lives and our love. Shine your wisdom and truth into our hearts this day. Help us know the hope to which we are called, that we may be the servants you call us to be. In your glory and grace, we pray. Amen.	
ANTHEM	“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”	Chancel Choir
COMMUNITY PRAYER		Rev. Lattig
CHORAL RESPONSE TO PRAYER		Chancel Choir
KIDS ROCK CHILDREN’S SERMON		Rev. Lattig
SCRIPTURE READING		Kathleen Meredith

Matthew 25:31-46

³¹ “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. ³² All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³ He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

³⁴ “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. ³⁵ For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. ³⁶ I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

³⁷ “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to

drink? ³⁸ Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? ³⁹ When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

⁴⁰ “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!’

⁴¹ “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. ⁴² For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. ⁴³ I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

⁴⁴ “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

⁴⁵ “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

⁴⁶ “And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life.”

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God for this Word.

SERMON **JESUS WARNS: “Care Over Convenience”** Rev. Lattig

OFFERTORY

Christie Spriggs

Please proceed up the center aisle to place your offering in the plate or scan one of the QR codes on the back of this bulletin to make your offering electronically using PayPal or Tithe.ly.

*DOXOLOGY

UMH 95

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

Kathleen Meredith

Shepherd of love, transform these gifts into nourishment for a hungry world. May they offer shelter from the storms of life. May they bring kindness and compassion to the lost and the lonely. Transform us, even as you transform these gifts, that we might be your hands and feet in the world. Amen.

*HYMN “Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

UMH 581

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Lattig

POSTLUDE

Christie Spriggs

This Week's Schedule

Monday, Nov 27	10-11 Chair Yoga (HH) 11:30-12:30 LWJ Yoga (HH)
Tuesday, Nov 28	10-1 Life With Joy (HH)
Wednesday, Nov 29	10-3 Life With Joy (HH)
Thursday, Nov 30	7 Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec 2	9-2 Treasures of Hope 11-1 Hanging of the Greens
Sunday, Dec. 3	Advent Begins... 9 Joy Fellowship (HH) Sunday School (1B) 10:30 Sanctuary Service

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Today's Worship Leaders

Pastor
Music Coordinator/Joy Fellowship
Liturgist
Greeter
Camera Operator
Soundboard Operator

Rev. Todd Lattig
Christie Spriggs
Kathleen Meredith
Evelyn Cornwell
Jen Phlegar
Jay Morrison