



Christ the King Sunday
Giving Thanks: The Bopolu United Methodist Mission Station

Order of Worship
November 20, 2022

Online Worship
YouTube Channel "Harmony UMCVA"

Welcome

Pastor Debra

Prelude

Give Thanks

The prelude signals the beginning of our sacred time together. During the prelude, you are invited to prepare your heart for worship by focusing your attention upon God.

Call to Worship

Brenda Krens

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God and King!

Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God and King!

Our God rebuilds the people of earth. The wandering ones are gathered together, the brokenhearted are healed, the hungry are fed, the prisoners are freed, the blind are given sight, the lonely are befriended.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God and King!

All of nature sings aloud God's goodness—clouds, rain, grass, creatures great and small.

Our God creates and sustains our world with his ever-growing, never-ending love.

How good it is to sing praise and give honor to our God and King! (Psalm 147)

Grace and peace be yours in abundance through the knowledge of God and of Christ Jesus our King.

Amen.

***Opening Prayer: All Praying**

Brenda Krens

Almighty and wonderful God. We enter your courts with thanksgiving and praise, knowing that you have made us, and remembering we are loved. We have come to praise your mighty acts, to hear your Word, and to answer your call for our lives. Let

us know your divine presence, our God and King, as we seek to honor you for all your good works; this we pray through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Peace of Christ

Peace be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pass the peace of Christ with those around us.

Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

UMH 694

Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance

Pastor Debra

Ministry of Music

We Thank You, Lord

Choir

Prayer for Understanding

All Praying

Brenda Krens

Almighty God, enlighten our minds and kindle our hearts with the presence of your Spirit, that we may hear your words of comfort and challenge in the reading of the scriptures, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Luke 23:33-43 (NIV)

Brenda Krens

33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

35 The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

36 The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar 37 and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

38 There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews.

39 One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? 41 We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

42 Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”

43 Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

The Word of God for the People of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Forgo Power for Purpose

Pastor Shaffa

Morning Prayer

Pastor Debra

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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Worship with Our Tithes and Offerings

Brenda Krens

Offertory

Bless This House

Sandy Bruner

**Doxology*

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Prayer of Dedication (All Praying)*

Pastor Debra

Holy God, you are generous and kind. You faithfully give us what we need to live, with enough to share. We are grateful, and hope that we never take your blessings for granted. Thank you for the opportunity to give back a portion of your goodness to us. May your purposes be fulfilled through these gifts and offerings. We pray in your precious name. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715

Benediction

Pastor Debra

It is not enough to acclaim Jesus Christ as our Lord and King. Our mission in life is to make his kingdom a reality among us and to bring it to those around us by our words and deeds. The way to do this is to live as he lived: for others, in love and service.

May almighty God bless you for this task: the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Go forth in gratitude and peace to love and serve the Lord and to give shape to his kingdom.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Choral Benediction

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

**Then let us go to serve in peace,
The gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
We go in Jesus' name.**

Postlude

We Gather Together

Robin, please include this information in the bulletin:

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Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

*Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.*

*2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.*

*3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.*

*4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.*

We Thank You, Lord

*We thank You Lord,
And worship you with gladness;
We praise Your name
And lift our hearts in song,
For You are good, Your love endures forever,
Your faithfulness continues all day long.
You've lavished us with every spiritual blessing.
We thank You, Lord, and praise You now in song.
We thank you, Lord, for everyday provisions,
For daily food, for clothes and shelter, too;
For health and strength and grace for every trial,
For this free land where we can worship You.
You crown each day with Your abundant goodness.
We thank you, Lord, and lift our praise to You.
We thank you, Lord, for giving us salvation.
You sent Your Son that we might be forgiven.
Far as the east from the west, our sins are vanquished;
Now justified, we're citizens of heaven.
You've sealed us with Your promised Holy Spirit;
We thank you, Lord, for love so freely given!
Amen, Amen!*

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*2. Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*3. His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of earth and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice; again I say, rejoice.*

*4. Rejoice in glorious hope!
Jesus the Judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home.
We soon shall hear th'archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!*