



REIGN OF CHRIST/CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY November 20, 2022

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE
+ Those able please stand

PRELUDE

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

WELCOME TO THE PARISH

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP— Liturgist

It is done.

God has always been in charge—
yesterday and today.

Even when things seem out of control,
God's reign is on its way.

Let us prepare the way for God.

SCRIPTURE

Jeremiah 23:1-6

PRAYER FOR THE DAY- Pastor/Liturgist

P- Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have visited and redeemed your people. Your Savior has conquered death and is exalted above every power in heaven and earth where he reigns. We sing our thanksgiving and offer our praise to your majestic name.

L- Yet in our stubborn ways we have defiled the very things which you brought into being. We say we follow Christ as our head, but we have fractured the unity of his body, the Church. By schism, we are torn apart and claim labels of superiority over one another. We close our minds and deny the faith of those who should be our brothers and sisters. For our foolishness, for our prejudice,

for the damage we have done, we ask forgiveness of our sins that we might share in the inheritance of the saints of light.

P- By the power of your Holy Spirit, knit together once more your Church. Grant that your Church might honor you with a united purpose of proclaiming grace and freedom to all the world. Make us prophets of the Most High.

L- In this day we exalt Christ as our King, we remember the many who are lifted up in other ways. We have named for one another and for you those about whom we are most concerned. Look with mercy on those who are nailed to crosses of pain and suffering, from those forces which destroy the body, affect the mind and drain the spirit. Give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death. Remember all these, and us, in your realm of light.

P- Execute righteousness and justice in the land and save us, your children, for we pray in the name of Christ our King. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

“God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian”

UMH #648

SCRIPTURE

Colossians 1:11-20

PRAYER OF CONFESSION -Liturgist

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock, even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love. Forgive us for driving others away from the land of justice and safety. We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock, even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love. Forgive us for not attending to the needs of others.

We have sinned against both Shepherd and flock, even at times not knowing that we were blocking the work of divine love. Forgive us for not bringing back to the fold those who are fearful, and have gone missing from community.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON-Pastor

Like the bandits who were crucified next to Jesus, we too are forgiven— no matter how much we may have scoffed at the Shepherd’s love, no matter that sometimes we may not have known what we were doing. For in the Shepherd, all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through the Shepherd, God was pleased to reconcile to God all things, whether on earth or in the heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross. The Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, has remembered us and forgiven us---the gates of Paradise have been unlocked; we are free to enter where the Shepherd reigns forever and ever! Thanks be to God!

JOYS AND CONCERNS – Holly O’Brien

The Lord’s Prayer

UMH #895

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.

YOUTH SERMON

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

+Luke 1:68-79–Liturgist

⁶⁸“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹He has raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of his servant David, ⁷⁰as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, ⁷¹that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us. ⁷²Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors, and has remembered his holy covenant, ⁷³the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham, to grant us ⁷⁴that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies, might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. ⁷⁶And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins. ⁷⁸By the tender mercy of our God, the

dawn from on high will break upon us, ⁷⁹to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

2 Corinthians 9:1-13-Liturgist

Now it is not necessary for me to write you about the ministry to the saints, ²for I know your eagerness, which is the subject of my boasting about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year; and your zeal has stirred up most of them. ³But I am sending the brothers in order that our boasting about you may not prove to have been empty in this case, so that you may be ready, as I said you would be; ⁴otherwise, if some Macedonians come with me and find that you are not ready, we would be humiliated—to say nothing of you—in this undertaking. ⁵So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you, and arrange in advance for this bountiful gift that you have promised, so that it may be ready as a voluntary gift and not as an extortion. ⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,

Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE SERMON “Eat the Bread, Not the Seed. The Lord of Harvest!” **Rev. Derrick Watson**

PRAYER -Pastor

Lord Jesus, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross, that all people might come within the reach of your saving embrace. Clothe us in your Spirit, that we, stretching out our hands in loving service for others, may bring those who do not know you to an awareness and love of you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, One God forever! Amen!

OFFERING

INVITATION TO OFFERING-Liturgist

*Please mail or drop off your tithes and offerings to:
15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514.*

Noisy Offering (coins given for missions) may be dropped off at the church.

ANTHEM “Cry of My Heart” **TFWS #2165**

+RESPONSE “The Doxology” **UMH #95**

+OFFERTORY PRAYER/BLESSING OF THE FODD - Pastor.

Almighty, Creator God, we humbly bring our gifts to you this day. On Calvary’s cross, your son redefined for the world what it meant to rule, what it meant to be a king. In his life, teaching and interacting with people, Jesus redefined what it means to give in a way that pleases God. May we in this season live and give in a way that reflects the reign over us and the one who lives within us. In the exalted name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

GOING FORTH

+CLOSING HYMN “Bind Us Together” **TFWS #2226**

+ BENEDICTION – Pastor

Though the days increase in their darkness, the Lord, of light and love, reigns supreme. May the power of God’s love be in your hearts and reflected in your lives now and always. Go in peace and may God’s peace be with you. AMEN.

The Postlude

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

November 13: ATTENDANCE: In-person: 28
OFFERING: \$928

TODAY AT HAMDEN PLAINS

GREETINGS TO ALL worshipping with us on-line or by program view today.

RECORDED PROGRAM WORSHIP at www.hamdenplainsumc.com or https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxwHc1E3_YK4W1nHICT5iAA. Learn more about us at www.hamdenplainsumc.com.

PASTOR OFFICE HOURS: Pastor J office hours are Wed. & Thurs.'s, 10:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. If you need a meeting with him please contact the office at 203.248.4654.



Thanksgiving
Food Drive

THANKSGIVING BASKET COLLECTION FOR 2022: It's that time of year again to start our Thanksgiving baskets. We will have bins in the Narthex or you may bring items to the office during office hours. If you missed a week you may still bring those items in also.

Please contact the office if you are in need of a basket.

ALL requests will be confidential

THIS WEEK - Week Four (11-20) Turkey Money-Envelopes Marked: Turkey Money

We will have a "Blessing of the Food" today.



ADOPT A FAMILY: A poster for our adopted family has been placed in the Narthex. This year's family is a single mother of 2 girls ages, 1 month and 3 yrs old. Please take a tag and return all NEW unwrapped gifts by **Sunday November 27th.**



STOCKING STUFFING & PIZZA: If you would like to donate to the items for the stockings, you may send checks, payable to the church with the memo "Stockings" or leave an envelope marked "Stockings". Stockings will be stuffed on **Friday December 2nd at 5 p.m.** A sign-up sheet will be placed in the Narthex for anyone who wants to help stuff the stockings. For more information contact Stacey Riccardi at Stacey.riccardi@comcast.net or 203.415.5558.

FELLOWSHIP TIME: Looking for hosts to serve coffee and a light snack. To sign up, see Krystal Ritchie or contact her at 203.587.0406 or kritchie424@yahoo.com. She will also guide new hosts through the process.

SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS for Wednesday Prayer Team may be made by contacting Holly O'Brien. These requests remain confidential to the Prayer Team. **PRAYERS AS PRINTED IN THE SUNDAY NOTICES**, are assumed to be public information and should be called or e-mailed to Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or secretary.hpumc@gmail.com.

OUR HAMDEN FOOD BANK COLLECTION: Please bring in any items you feel can be used as inventory is very low. Please place all donations in the collection basket in the Narthex during office hours (Tuesday – Friday, 9 a.m. – Noon) or leave by the back door. Thanks to the many who have donated!

YOUR CONTINUED FINANCIAL SUPPORT MEANS MUCH! Please mail gifts to HPUMC, 15 Church Street, Hamden, CT 06514 or drop them off during office hours, Tues - Fri., 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

WE HAVE A NEW WAY of contributing your tithes and offering
You can now give right through an app on your phone by scanning QR code or going to www.venmo.com/HamdenPlains-UMC.
Any questions please call the office.



NEXT WEEK: 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT/GREENING OF THE CHURCH/UM STUDENT SUNDAY
Scriptures: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 122 (UM845); Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:36-44. Liturgist: Kersten Moore. Song Leader: Danny Brunna. Fellowship Time: Potluck Celebration.

MISSION VOLUNTEER - we are currently looking for a mission volunteers/chair-person to handle our recycling bottles and food pantry. The service will require one day a week commitment to empty our bins. Please contact the office at 203.248.4654 for more information.

TO DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS please contact Nancy Estes at 203.248.4654 or Melissa Paul at mrsmasp@gmail.com.

THE LITTLE FREE LIBRARY remains open year-round. Check it out in front of the church on Dixwell Avenue. To donate books (children's books as well as adult) of any genre or language, or Bibles, contact Kersten Moore at disturbedteacher@gmail.com/ 203.935.6855 or Lisa Collins at collins11902@yahoo.com/203.913.7961.

OUR INK CARTRIDGE RECYCLE PROGRAM Please bring your used cartridges for recycling in during office hours, Tues. – Fri... 9:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: You can also bring them to church on Sunday or leave them in a bag outside the parking lot door at your convenience. Many thanks!

PLEASE CONSIDER SENDING A NOTE to any of the folks below who either live alone, have care needs or both. **This is the current list.** Megan Malanson is tracking these contacts. If you make one and would like to report that to Megan, please reach her at megmalanson@yahoo.com. If there is someone you think should be contacted by the pastor, please notify the office.

ADDRESSES FOR PEOPLE LIVING ALONE OR WITH CARE NEEDS:

(Some opted not to be on this list.)

Bales, Mary, 33 Woodruff Street, #113, Hamden, 06518
Gursky, John, 1492 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Hartsoe, Lois, 7310 Ashlar Village, Wallingford, 06492
Leno, Pat, 850 Mix Avenue, Hamden, 06514
Mayo, Elizabeth, 200 Leeder Hill Drive, Apt. 213, Hamden, 06517
Morrison, Claudette and Jimmy, 112 East Gate Lane, Hamden, 06514
Raccio, Jean and Carmine, 15 Sunrise Cove Road, Branford, 06405
Reynolds, Marianne, 520 Pool Rd. Apt. 424, North Haven, 06473
Shaw, Rosemary, 345 Fountain Street, Apt. 202, New Haven, 06515
Teodosio, Frank, 330 Amity Rd., Woodbridge, 06525
Williams, Trudy, 41 West Helen Street, Hamden, 06514
Wycoff, Denise and Pieter, 135 Grandview Avenue, Hamden, 06514

OTHER WAYS TO BE IN MINISTRY AND MISSION:

- Bring your "Cans for the Congo" during office hours or on Sundays.
- Drop off food for the Hamden Food Bank.
- Stay abreast of developments by reading your e-mail or checking the website.
- Read the upcoming Sunday scriptures as an act of spiritual formation.
- Pray for our church and governmental leaders.
- Serve at "Dinner for a Dollar" (take-out only). Sign up at signup.com/go/LpLESwA or contact Marty Hartog at 203.506.9788 or hartogm1@southernct.edu
- Check in by phone or send a note to someone home-bound or elderly.
- Continue to mail in your tithes and offerings.

BIRTHDAYS: Ann Yost 11/21, Randi Delgado 11/23, Audrey Larrow 11/23,
Portia Antwi 11/27

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Recovering from surgery: Brenda Pineau

Maria Lombardi Warren, Mastectomy, friend of Anthony Moore

Continuing care:

Lorraine Welch & Charlene Welch

John Kennedy, Pat Jacobs' Husband, Kidney Failure
 Lavonda Paul, resting at home
 Holly Wesman, partner of Karen Sroka, cancer
 Bernadette, breast cancer (Margret Turner's niece)
 Alan, recovering (Brenda Pineau)
 Cassondra, cancer (The Pineau's)
 Paul, Bob, Lori, cancer (The Pineau's)
 Sarah and James Galloway, Carol's parents, for on-going medical issues
 Jason Calabrese (brother of Stacey Riccardi)
 Stephanie, health issues, daughter of Ed & Brenda Pineau
 Ralph Pausig, Derrick Pommills brother in law, Health Issues

In Rehab facilities:

Frank Teodosio

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2022			
Sunday	November 20	Adult Sunday School	9:00 am
		Worship	10:15 am
		Fellowship Time	Following worship
Tuesday	November 22	Connectional Bible Study	6:30 pm
Wednesday	November 23	Prayer Group	11:00 am
		Choir Rehearsal	7:30 pm
Saturday	November 26	Dinner for a Dollar	6:00 pm
Sunday	November 27	Worship	10:15 am
		Thanksgiving Potluck Celebration	Following Service in Fellowship Hall

Worship Assistants

	TODAY November 20th	Next Week, November 27th
Liturgist	Megan Malanson	Kersten Moore
Song Leader	Perjah & Reneejah Delgado	Danny Brunna
Ushers	Kirby Stafford	Megan Malanson
Attendance Clerk	Melissa Paul	Megan Malanson
Fellowship Time	Randi Harrell	Potluck
Counters	Kirby Stafford Marty Hartog	Kersten Moore Krystal Ritchie

Program view of worship at 10:15 a.m. Sundays

Minister: All Congregation Members

Rev. Jeremiah J. Paul, Pastor, pastorjj.hpumc@gmail.com

Dunn Pearson, Musician Ministry, dunnpearson@gmail.com

Nancy Estes, Parish Secretary, secretary.hpumc@gmail.com

Derrick Pommills, Property Manager, pommillsfacilityservices@gmail.com



what are you
cookin'?

Thanksgiving

Potluck *Celebration*

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 27TH

FELLOWSHIP THROUGH FOOD & CULTURE
HAMDEN PLAINS UMC 25 CHURCH ST.
HAMDEN CT

PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF YOUR SPECIALTY DISH.
SECRETARY.HPUMC@GMAIL.COM