

Parkwood UMC Service of Worship  
Christ the King Sunday  
November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

† Please stand as you are able.



**QR Code for Nursery  
Sign-In and Out Log**

Desiree Davis-Omburo  
Pastor Adam

**Prelude**  
**Welcome and Announcements**  
**Honoring our Veterans**  
**Chiming the Trinity**

Rebecca Turner, Dianne Mitchell and Zack Schwarze

*A moment of silence*

**Call to Worship**—*adapted from Bruce Prever*

Sarah Bender

Around the world this day, the Church universal celebrates this Sunday as “*Christ the King Sunday*.” Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Let us come, bend the knee, and kneel before Lord, who rules not with weapons and horses, but with love and invitation in his love-saving, new creation building work. Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness, and come into his presence with singing.** (Psalm 100)

God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body. Christ comes as a Ruler bearing the wounds of the cross, showing not only God’s love but how He is with us always, even in our suffering:

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!** (Psalm 100)

† **Opening Hymn**

Crown Him with Many Crowns

UMH 327

† **Hymn**

Jesus Shall Reign

UMH 157

**Prayer of Confession**

Sarah Bender

**Reigning Lord, we confess it is difficult to imagine a cosmos where all things are being held together in You, especially when we are held captive by fear,**

**worries and by endless news cycles. Free us from our worries and sins, which hold us and our imaginations in jail. Free us to imagine a world governed by Your love and justice. May Your love reign in our hearts, and may your reign begin in us. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**Words of Assurance**

Sarah Bender

Friends, do not be afraid. The One on the throne promises to wipe every tear away and destroy all that enslaves us, including ways we’ve enslaved ourselves. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People (to leader) In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.**

**All: Glory to God! Amen.**

† **Peace of Christ**

*You are invited to stand and greet your neighbor with signs of peace.*

**Prayer of Illumination**

Sarah Bender

**Prepare our hearts and minds, O God, to accept Your Word. Help us to not only hear your Word, but have the wisdom, discernment and strength to apply it in our lives, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 46

**Gospel Reading**

Luke 23:33-44

**Sermon**

Pastor Adam

† **The Offering**

"Jesus, Remember Me"

UMH 488



**The Doxology** (to the tune on UMH 95)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.**

**Praise God all creatures high and low.**

**Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit  
One. Amen.**

**QR Code to PUMC Giving**

† **The Doxology**

**Apostles Creed**

UMH 881

**Prayers of the People**

Pastor Adam

*If you have a concern you would like for us to pray for, please write it on a prayer card located in the pews and hold it in the air for an usher to collect.*

*Silent Prayer*

***The Lord's Prayer—a Modern Version***

Our Father in heaven, show us who You really are. Set the world right. Do what's best—as above, so too below. Keep us alive with both the physical and the spiritual food we need. Keep us in right relationship with You, with each other, and with ourselves. Please forgive us where we've done harm, as we forgive others who do us harm. From trials, persecutions and the Evil that is too overwhelming to us, deliver us. You're in charge! Amen.

† ***Closing Hymn***

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

UMH 110

† ***Benediction***

Pastor Adam

† ***Chiming the Trinity***

† ***Postlude***

Ms. Desiree Davis-Omburo

# Parkwood United Methodist Church



Detail, "Christ the Judge," Fra Angelico, 1447

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