



Central United Methodist Church – at 10:00 am

24th Sunday after Pentecost: November 20, 2022

Preaching: Ann Burnham, Certified Lay Minister
Liturgist: Paul Battistini Musician: Kyle Akin

Centering Music:

Kyle Akin

Opening Prayer:

Unison

Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Savior, you pour out your power for the powerless and your salvation for the lost.

Remember us in your new creation, so that we may live in peace with you in the presence of the Holy One, to whom be all honor and glory, through you, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

Greetings & Announcements

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Hymn:

"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet"

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Call to Worship:

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega, the one who is, who was, and is to come (Rev. 1:8).

People: We come to worship the one who rules justly (2 Samuel 23:34).

Leader: Come to worship Jesus Christ, the faithful witness

The firstborn of the dead,

The ruler of the kings of the earth! (Rev. 1:5)

People: Bread of Heaven, God with us! (John 6:51, Mt. 1:23.)

Leader: Good Shepherd, True Vine! (John 10:11, John 15:1.)

People: Eternal Word, Great I AM (John 1, John 8:58).

Leader: Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace! (Isaiah 9:6.)

All: We come to worship Jesus Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords! (Rev. 19.16.)

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever! Amen. (Rev. 1:6.)

Hymn: "Here is Bread, Here is Wine"

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Bible Reading

Colossians 1: 11-20

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¹¹ May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully ¹² giving thanks to the Father,^[a] who has enabled^[b] you^[c] to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption,^[d] the forgiveness of sins.

The Supremacy of Christ

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation, ¹⁶ for in^[e] him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He himself is before all things, and in^[f] him all things hold together. ¹⁸ He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God^[g] was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Gospel – Please stand if you are able
Luke 23: 33-43

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³³ When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus^[a] there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[³⁴ Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."]]^[b] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵ And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah^[c] of God, his chosen one!" ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him,^[d] "This is the King of the Jews."

³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah?^[f] Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in^[g] your kingdom." ⁴³ He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

ALL: Thanks be to God

Children's Message: **"It's Like Opposite Day"** **Ann Burnham**

Sermon: **"Christ the King/Reign of Christ"** **Ann Burnham**

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God,
we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Holy Communion:

Leader: Christ our Lord invites to his table
all who love him and seek to grow into his likeness.
Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy
Sacrament.

All:

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own
goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive
us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of
God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*The bread and juice from the vine are prepared for the meal by uncovering them if they have
been covered, and saying the following:*

Trusting in the presence and blessing of the Holy Spirit upon each of us, we hear anew
the sacred story in the letter Paul wrote to the people of ancient Corinth:
For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night

he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (I Corinthians 11.23-26, NIV)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (All)

BREAKING THE BREAD

Leader: Because there is one loaf,
We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.
The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Prayer (All)

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have give yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen**

Tithes and Offerings:

Doxology:

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Sharing Our Gifts

Unison

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.

Special Music:

Kyle Akin

God Moments:

(Joys & Concerns)

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Pastoral Prayer:

All : Gracious and loving God, our hearts are full of love for you as we give you thanks for the joys in our lives and the beauty of the earth that you have given us. We also have great concern for others who are hurting mentally and physically, and we bring those prayers to you.

We will never stop praying for them because we know you **hear** our prayers and we will never stop praising you for all the joys in our lives, especially the joy of gathering together to worship you. Amen

Closing Hymn: *"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"*

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Blessing:

Ann Burnham

**Thank you for worshipping with us today! Please join us again next Sunday.
Come as a stranger, leave as a friend.**

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Lay Servant Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Preaching</u>	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Usher</u>	<u>Counter</u>
11/20/22	Ann Burnham	Paul B	Bill G	Bill G	Paul B
11/27/22	Paul Battistini	Susan R	Bev P	Kevin O	Susan R
12/4/22	Ann Burnham	Linda M	Jody B	MJ S	Bob R
12/11/22	Paul Battistini	MJ S	Donna T	Susan R	MJ S

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, November 20th-Communion Service at Oak Point

Saturday, November 26th-Workday at the church, raking leaves. We will meet at 9:30am. We should be done before noon. The more hands we have, the quicker it will be. Bring your rake and gloves.

Sunday, November 27th-First Sunday of Advent, let us know if you have a favorite Christmas Hymn.

Sunday, December 4th-Christmas Caroling at the Shaw Home at 2 pm. Please join us, you don't have to be a professional, just enthusiastic. The residents will greatly appreciate our efforts. Bring a lunch and we will car-pool from the church.

Sunday, December 18th-Brockton Symphony's Holiday Pops Concert at Oliver Ames High School in Easton, MA at 3pm, see Jody Battistini for tickets. Ticket prices are Seniors (60+) \$18, Adults \$23, Children and Students (with ID) FREE. Please contact Jody at 508-947-2612 and leave a message or email her at jodybatt54@gmail.com.

BLAST FROM THE PAST!

