



# First Congregational

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**“Labeling Jesus”  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
November 21, 2021  
10:30 a.m. Service**

*Following Jesus, our mission is to serve God  
by building an inclusive community where uplifting worship  
and relevant messages deepen spirituality  
and inspire acts of justice, service, and compassion.*

***Our Church’s Mission Statement***

Rev. Dr. Laura Miller-Purrenhage, Pastor	Darlene Banks, Bell Choir Director
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## Welcome to First Congregational United Church of Christ!

*As you look over the bulletin, please notice that you are invited to read aloud **bold** text.  
As you enter the sanctuary, please share your offering in the offering plate by the door.  
We ask that you wear a mask and social distance from others not in your family or pod.*

*If you are new to our church or do not receive email updates from us, please share your name and contact information with us by contacting us: [office@grandledgeucc.org](mailto:office@grandledgeucc.org)*

### MOMENT FOR CENTERING

#### GREETING

One: The grace of Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**Many: And also with you.**

### INTRODUCTIONS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### BELLS/CHIMES

#### INTROIT

“Weaving Round”  
(Chancel Choir)

### CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, throughout all generations.

**Many: The LORD is faithful in all his works, and gracious in all his deeds.**

One: The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

**Many: The LORD is just in all their ways, and kind in all their doings.**

One: The LORD is near to all who call on her, to all who call on her in truth.

**Many: The LORD also hears their cry, and saves them.**

One: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD

**Many: And all flesh will bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

#### OPENING HYMN #301

“Crown with Your Richest Crowns”

*(We will remain seated during the hymns and you are encouraged to quietly follow along and reflect on the verses printed in this bulletin while enjoying the music as it is being played.)*

#### GATHERING PRAYER

**Many: Gracious God, we gather today knowing we are followers of many things: schedules, mentors, social media, sports teams, political leaders, and more. In the middle of that, move and guide our hearts to follow Christ Jesus first of all. Make us faithful subjects of your kin-dom, sharing Christ's love with all. Amen.**

#### ANTHEM

“Come, Sing to The Lord”  
(Chancel Choir)

**Child of joy, our dearest treasure,  
God’s you are, from God you came.  
Grow to laugh and sing and worship,  
Live as one who bears Christ’s name.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 1:4b-8 NRSV (1117)

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits<sup>[a]</sup> before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”<sup>[b]</sup>  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”<sup>[c]</sup>  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-38a Common English Bible

- <sup>33</sup> Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”
- <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?”
- <sup>35</sup> Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”
- <sup>36</sup> Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”
- <sup>37</sup> “So you are a king?” Pilate said.  
Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”
- <sup>38</sup> “What is truth?” Pilate asked.

One: Words from the past, made new for us today.

**Many: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

“Sing of the Lord’s Goodness”  
(David and Kelly Gruner)

HOMILY

“Labeling Jesus”  
(Rev. Dr. Virginia Schiefelbein)

MUSICAL REFLECTION

“Count Your Blessings”  
(Chuck Byam)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Linda Gooley

*(Since our services are posted publicly on Facebook, we ask that you either leave people unnamed in your prayer requests [ex: prayers for a friend who is in his last stages of life] or that you obtain permission from anyone you wish to name in prayer.)*

OFFERING MOMENT

*(For those of us meeting in person, you are invited to place your offering in the offering plate in the back of the sanctuary. For those of you worshipping at home, please give what you can by mail or through prayers. If you have any questions, please reach out to Lynn Hart [hartacre3@aol.com](mailto:hartacre3@aol.com))*

DOXOLOGY

“Praise God To Whom All Blessings Flow”

DEDICATION PRAYER

One: Let us pray.

**Many: Righteous ruler, accept all that we have offered to you.  
May these gifts we gather participate in your realm of truth.**

CLOSING HYMN (#17)

“To You, O God, All Creatures Sing”

*(We will remain seated during the hymns and you are encouraged to quietly follow along and reflect on the verses printed in this bulletin while enjoying the music as it is being played.)*

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Virginia Schiefelbein

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”  
(Chuck Byam)

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## SUNDAY ROSTER

**Liturgist** – Lisa Reed

**Fresh Perspective** – Rev. Dr. Virginia Schiefelbein

**Homily** – Rev. Dr. Virginia Schiefelbein

**Virtual Coordinator** – Kelly Stuible

**Sound Board** - Charlynn Walker

**Choir Director** - Brandon Frost

**Pianist/Organist** – Chuck Byam

**Hymn Singer** – Choir

**Usher** – Lisa Reed

**Greeter** – Pat Reed

**Alter Decoration** – Cory and Chris Cypher in memory of Chris' grandparents, Roger and Ann Ewing

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## Crown with Your Richest Crowns



- 1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;  
 2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.  
 3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave  
 4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways  
 5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.  
 Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.  
 And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And  
 The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At  
 Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who  
 Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your



to your ris - en Sav - ior bring your thanks for life made new.  
 prayer we glimpse then turn the eye from mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 fra - grant gar - den shall ex - tend for - ev - er green and sweet.  
 praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.



## To You, O God, All Creatures Sing

4 To you, God, day af-ter day, earth in  
*Unison*

1 To you, O God, all crea-tures sing, and all cre - a - tion, ev - ery -  
2 Your wind that blows the tem-pest by, your clouds that sail a - cross the  
3 Your flow - ing wa - ters, crys - tal clear, make mel - o - dies for you to  
4 To you, O God, day af - ter day, your plan - et earth in ev - ery

ev - ery way sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! As fruit, fra - grant

thing sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your burn - ing sun with gold - en  
sky sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your morn - ing ris - es with a  
hear, sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia! Your fire, . . . boun - ti - ful and  
way, sings your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia, As sa - vory fruit and fra - grant

flower show forth glo - ry and power, sing - ing prais - es, al - le -

beam, your sil - ver moon with soft - er gleam sing your prais - es,  
song, and lights of eve - ning sing a - long, sing your prais - es, al - le -  
bright, re - mem - bering your warmth and light, sings your prais - es, al - le -  
flower show forth your glo - ry and your power, sing - ing prais - es,

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

5 Now we who are of ten - der heart,  
for - giv - ing oth - ers, take our part,  
sing your prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!  
To you we lift our pain and care,  
re - ceive the bur - dens that we bear,  
sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

6 In you, a kind and gen - tle death  
pre - pares to hush our fi - nal breath,  
sing - ing prais - es, al - le - lu - ia!  
Christ goes be - fore us to re - new  
the way that leads us home to you.  
Hear our prais - es, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

