Lord, When Did We See You?
Reign of Christ Sunday, November 22, 2026

MEDITATION

"Once we are reached by tenderness, we become tenderness."
— Gregory Boyle, The Whole Language

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS
L: And now, may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **All: And also with you.**

PRELUDE "Hymn of Thanks" *Music: Eduard Kremser*

CALL TO WORSHIP *Chris Polloni, Deacon*
L: We gather to worship the God who meets us in unexpected places.
All: Open our eyes to recognize your presence.
L: In the stranger seeking welcome, in the neighbor longing for compassion—
All: Open our hearts to recognize our shared humanity.
L: In acts of kindness, in moments of connection, in the love we share—
All: May we discover Christ among us.
L: Come, let us worship the One who calls us to love.
All: With open hearts and willing hands, we come to worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** "We Gather Together" *Red 21*

UNISON OPENING PRAYER *Chris Polloni, Deacon*
Compassion God, you meet us in ways we do not always expect, through people we may overlook, and in places we may never think to look. Open our eyes to see beyond appearances, our hearts to welcome without judgment, and our minds to recognize the sacred worth of every person. As we gather in worship, draw us into tender kinship with one another, where compassion dissolves the barriers between us,
and love opens our eyes to your presence. Amen.

WORD FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN *Lisa Allen, Co-Director of Church Life*

ANTHEM "Now to Praise the Name of Jesus" *Words/Music: Michael Bedford*
Sung by the Choir

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 25:31-46, p. 35 *Chris Polloni Deacon & Rev. Christina Williams*

L: The Word of God for the people of God. **All: Thanks be to God.**

REFLECTION "Lord, When Did We See You?" *Rev. Christina Williams*

RESPONSIVE HYMN "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" vs 1-4 *Black 539*

PRAYERS OF CONCERN
After the pastoral prayer, you are invited to share your joys or concerns out loud during the prayers of the people. Please respond, ***"O Lord, hear our prayers."***

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(trespasses)*
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. *All are invited to sing "Amen". (Black 812)*

BLESSING OF THE PLEDGES & OFFERING

OFFERING MUSIC "Song of Thanksgiving" *Words/Music: Natalie Sleeth*
Sung by the Choir

***DOXOLOGY**
Praise God from whom all blessing flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God for all that love has done;
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.

REPONSIVE PRAYER FOR PLEDGES & OFFERING
L: Gracious God, you have blessed us with gifts to share and hearts capable of great love.
All: Receive these offerings and pledges as expressions of our gratitude, faith, and hope in you.
L: Bless these gifts and the commitments we make today. May they nourish the hungry, welcome the stranger, strengthen our community, and bring hope to those who struggle.
All: May our generosity bear witness to your love, deepen our kinship with one another and our neighbors, and help all who enter this place to Find Hope Here. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** "The Summons" *Insert*

***BLESSING**

SUNG BENEDICTION "Spirit of Life" *Words/Music: Carolyn McDade*
Sung by the Choir; Accompanied by the Bells

Congregation is invited to sing with the choir.
Spirit of Life, come unto Me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion. Blow in the wind, rise in the sea; move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice. Roots hold me close; wings set me free; Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

POSTLUDE "Thanks Be To God" *Music: Stanley Dickson*

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Many thanks to the volunteers who enriched our morning together!
Tech Deacon, Amelia Allen; Choir, Alan King, Chris Polloni, Meg Tivey, Joyce Kenneally, Kay Clark, Linda Thomas; Bell Choir, Betsy Woodley, Bob Nelson, Meg Tivey, Lisa Allen and Jean Swartz; Hospitality, Roberta Markham, Jeanne Swartz, Joyce Kenneally, Alan King Kay Clark & Harry Thomas

Leading worship today: Rev. Christina Williams, Minister; Stephanie Miles, Music Director; Lisa Allen, Co-Director of Church Life; Chris Polloni, Deacon

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NEW HERE TODAY?
No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!
To help you navigate Sunday mornings with us, please see the guide below.

1. ***Order of Worship: *An asterisk** is an invitation to stand if you are able.*
   ***Bold text** indicates speaking in unison.*
2. ***Kid's Connection:** After the "Word for all God's children," the children leave worship for Bible-themed learning through crafts, conversation, and games with Lisa Allen.*
3. ***Take Two:** This adult faith formation group meets after worship every other Sunday with Lisa Allen. Join the conversation next Sunday in the small classroom.*
4. ***Coffee & Conversation:** Gather with us after worship to greet friends and make new ones in the Covenant Room, down the hall on the right.*
5. ***Have Questions?** Please reach out to Rev. Christina Williams or Deacon of the day.*

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