

# University United Methodist Church

November 22, 2020 ♦ 10:00 a.m. ♦ *Reign of Christ*

Prelude

“Air” from the *Water Music Suite*

George Frideric Handel

Words of Welcome

Opening Prayer

*In Unison*

Holy God, we come to you at this crowning of the year, as we prepare for the turning of the seasons; may we be reminded that we are working for your reign on earth as it is in heaven. We are preparing to see the fullness of your glory through your Son, Jesus Christ, and that fullness is made aware in us by your love for us. We long to see the fulfillment of your reign on earth, we trust that it is coming in its fullness, and we take joy in our calling to take part in your in-breaking Kingdom. In the name of Christ, the fullness of God’s love made known to us, we pray. Amen.

Children’s Moment

**Generosity Moment:** *You may designate your offering via mobile phone by texting “UniversityUMC” to 77977 and choosing the General Fund or specific missions.*

Anthem

“Ride On, King Jesus”  
*Chancel Choir*

Spiritual, arr. by Alice Parker  
and Robert Shaw

Epistle Reading

Hebrews 10:19-25

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Be Renewed in God’s Promises”

The Reverend Justin Coleman

Time of Commitment

“Where He Leads Me”  
*Ti & Andrew Berinson*

Prayer

Eternal God, we acknowledge you as the source of all we have and all we are. Help us to place you, our loving Creator, first in our lives by becoming more focused on loving and caring for those in need, and by becoming less preoccupied with material things. Help us to be good stewards, caretakers, and managers of all your gifts by sharing them for your purposes. Help us make your priorities our priorities and to put our faith into action. Help us to give back the talents, treasures, and time with which we have been blessed. Help us serve our church, our community, and our world with your gifts. May we serve you with a joyful spirit of mind and heart. Abundant God, you made us in your image and breathed into us a spirit of generosity. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received--abundantly, generously, and joyfully--that our common ministry may always bear witness to your unfailing grace. Now, Lord, we offer up our financial commitments to support the mission and ministries of this church in the year ahead. We give in faith. And we pray that our gifts will lead to restored hearts, changed lives, and transformation in the world around us. Help us all to Be Renewed. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Amen.

Choral Response

“Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”  
*Chancel Choir*

Music from Boston Haydn  
and Handel Collection

Benediction

Hymn

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Hymn 327

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.  
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

Postlude

“Hornpipe” from the *Water Music Suite*

G. F. Handel

### Flowers

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