

# Reign of Christ

November 24, 2024

A King Who  
Reigns Not  
in Tyranny  
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to worship, welcome, nurture, and serve in the name of Jesus.*

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Pilate asked Jesus, "Are you the King of the Jews?"



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# THE MANY EXPERIENCES OF GOD IN OUR LIVES

## UNIT IX: THE GOD WHO REIGNS FOREVER

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TO GATHER

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP:

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

**Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.**

Come, let us worship and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

**Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

#### SING A HYMN: {Church Choice}

#### \*PRAY: (After hearing requests, offer silent prayer for those on our list and in your heart.)

We have trouble believing in a King in our lives. Early in our nation's history, we rejected monarchy as something undesirable. Yet, this day we are called to recognize Jesus Christ as the King of our lives, our sovereign ruler. His kingdom is based on the laws of love; loving God as God has truly loved us and loving our neighbor as we ourselves want to be loved. That love extends beyond the borders of our lives, into a world in which there is fear and alienation, hunger and disease, hopelessness and darkness. Jesus, our sovereign ruler, our friend, our Master and guide has asked us to reach out to feed the hungry; give drink to the thirsty; clothe the naked, visit the sick and those imprisoned; welcome the stranger. These words are not unfamiliar to us, yet somehow we have treated them as nice words but not an active part of our life of faith. Forgive us, Lord, for the meagerness of our faith and the weakness of our witness. Rule our lives again with your powerful love, that we might truly be worthy disciples of yours. Help us to find the forgiveness which you have given to us and to do your will. We pray this in the name of him who taught us to pray, "Our Father..."

#### SING A HYMN: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" ..... (UMH #715) (CCLI 20203297)

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus, the Savior, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when He has purged our stains, he took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

**READ SCRIPTURE:** John 18:33-37

**SING A HYMN:** {Church Choice}

**READ OR LISTEN:** A King Who Reigns Not in Tyranny but in Truth ..... (See Insert) Pastor Nan

**RECITE THE APOSTLES' CREED** ..... (UMH #881) Pastor Nan

#### \*OFFERING PRAYER...PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS...DOXOLOGY (UMH #95)

With gratitude for all the blessings you have poured into our lives, Lord Jesus, we come bringing these our gifts that they may be used in service to those in need. Bless these gifts and those who have given them, that they may truly be a blessing in your holy name.  
Amen.

#### INSTRUMENTAL OR VOCAL MUSIC

#### \*BENEDICTION: (Please remain quietly in your pew until the candles are extinguished.)

Go now in peace. Bring the good news of God's eternal love, the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit to all you meet. **Amen.**

#### REFLECT AT HOME ON TODAY'S SCRIPTURE:

Today's account of Jesus before Pilate reminds us that Jesus is king, not only of the Jews but our king as well. What does this image of "king" mean to you, especially since you live in a country that fought a revolution to get the king of England out of our affairs? What does it mean to have no king in your life except Jesus?

#### OFFER YOURSELF DURING THE WEEK:

Talk with one or more Christians about your concept of Jesus' kingdom. How is it different from the political system under which you live? How can you separate the two?

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