



TO BE HIS LIGHT THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

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CHURCH STAFF

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CHURCH LEADERS

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Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Tuesday Closed
Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Thursday Closed
Friday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Calls will be answered off-site on days when the office is closed.



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Event box containing a church illustration, date (November 20, 2022), time (10:00 a.m.), and title (Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost) with a church seal.

Thoughts of Preparation

Humans are more comfortable with a divine monarch at the top of pyramidal reality. So we quickly made the one who described himself as "meek and humble of heart" (Matthew 11:29) into an imperial God...

\*All who are able are welcome to stand

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude "Sent Forth By God's Blessing" (Dale Wood) (Kendra Abner - flute)

Tower Bell

Introit

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place;
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can feel the brush of angel wings, I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

\*Call to Worship (Responsive)

We call You 'King', Jesus, but You're not like any king we've ever heard of;
You don't flaunt Your power, waving Your hand dismissively to change the lives of Your subjects;
You don't hoard Your wealth, and tax Your people just to grow more comfortable in Your isolated palace;
You don't exploit the weak and unconnected, or use the ambition of ladder-climbers to further Your control.
No, You are the King who lays down His crown, to walk among us as one of us;
You are the King who lays down His life, to bring abundant life to all who seek it;



### Hearing Assistance

We have wireless receivers for the hearing impaired which you may obtain from an usher.

### Pastoral Care Notice

If a pastoral care need arises, please contact the church office at (859) 431-1818 and we will get a message to Pastor Barry or John Robson to contact you. You can also call, text or email Barry at:  
Revbarryb@stjohnsuccnewport.org  
Cell Phone: (513) 317-8146

### In Our Prayers

Joan Berkemeyer, Cheryl & Barry Bordenkircher, Judy Eads, Family of Marjorie Fuldner, Flo Grey, Betty Jo Haas, Phil Hamilton, Marilyn Hanson, Robert Hasse, Mark Hater, Chuck Hawkins, Vickie Kennedy, Carol & Henry Marksberry, Bill Seibert, Bruce Shay, Ed Von Strohe, Bonnie Walter, John & Peggy Westlund

### Continued Prayerful Support

Homebound members.  
Those in assisted living and nursing homes.  
Rev. Barry Bordenkircher  
Church Leadership Team, Ministry Teams, and all our church leaders.

### Homebound Member of the Week

Our homebound member of the week is Marcia Schmidt. Take a moment this week to send her a card or give her a call as we celebrate Marcia as our member of the week!

Her address is:  
Marcia Schmidt  
Rosedale Green Room 308-1  
Covington, KY 41015

### Infant, Toddler, Preschool and School Age Child Care is Available on Sunday Mornings

We have childcare workers available for our infants, toddlers, preschoolers and school age children. Children can be dropped off starting at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in the Youth Room. You can ask any usher for assistance or information about this program.

### Audio Recordings of Our Sunday Services

Did you miss a Sunday service or would like to hear one over again? You can get a CD audio recording of any service each week down on the table located at the North Lobby entrance. The recordings are separated by date so just look for the service you want to hear and take it home.

### COVID Update

Just a reminder that if you become infected with the COVID virus, please let the church office know so that we can notify anyone that you may have been in contact with at that time. Thank you and everyone please stay safe.

### Worship Notes

Today's liturgy is in part adapted from Sacredise, by Rev. John van de Laar ([sacredise.com/christ-the-king-reign-of-christ-c/](http://sacredise.com/christ-the-king-reign-of-christ-c/)), and from Ministry Matters "Worship Elements" ([www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4410/worship-elements-november-20-2022](http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4410/worship-elements-november-20-2022)).

### Scripture Lesson – Jeremiah 23:1-6 [Common English Bible]

Watch out, you shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, declares the Lord. This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, proclaims about the shepherds who "tend to" My people: You are the ones who have scattered My flock and driven them away. You haven't attended to their needs, so I will take revenge on you for the terrible things you have done to them, declares the Lord. I myself will gather the few remaining sheep from all the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their pasture, and they will be fruitful and multiply. I will place over them shepherds who care for them. Then they will no longer be afraid or dread harm, nor will any be missing, declares the Lord.

The time is coming, declares the Lord, when I will raise up a righteous descendant from David's line, and He will rule as a wise king. He will do what is just and right in the land. During His lifetime, Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And His name will be *The Lord Is Our Righteousness*.

### Anthem

*"Celtic Laud"*

*(Martin/Courtney)*

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,  
for bread and for wine, the gift of Your feast.  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,  
for coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,  
for every new birth, for grace and for life,  
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,  
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

### Gathering Together in Prayer

#### Joys & Concerns – Silent Prayer – Pastoral Prayer

#### The Lord's Prayer

**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 and ever. Amen.**

## Response

Sing Twice

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.  
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no quo-ni-am bo-nus.

Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Al-le-lu-ia!  
Con-fi-te-mi-ni Do-mi-no, Al-le-lu-ia!

## Scripture Lesson – Colossians 1:15-18 [Common English Bible]

The Son is the image of the invisible God, the one who is first over all creation, because all things were created by Him: both in the heavens and on the earth, the things that are visible and the things that are invisible. Whether they are thrones or powers, or rulers or authorities, all things were created through Him and for Him. He existed before all things, and all things are held together in Him. He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the one who is firstborn from among the dead so that He might occupy the first place in everything.

## Stewardship Moment & Offertory Invitation

Barry Bordenkircher

## Offertory

*“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”*

*(Lloyd Larson)*

*(Isabel Lee-soloist)*

God, whose giving knows no ending from your rich and endless store.  
Nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door.  
gifted by You, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;  
thankful song shall raise forever, gracious doner of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants, fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred;  
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the Gospel Word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

I watched with amazement as the feelings of my family members changed! Slowly they honored his decision. My own mother began to prepare meatless dishes. This made my brother feel more accepted and loved than ever. Around the table, his decision sparked new, health-focused conversations that led everyone to eat healthier diets.

My grandmother’s table of love had become new, transformed, and even more loving.

Within the larger human family, many peoples and nations who are seated at the world’s table are well-nourished with resources that match their tastes and liking, while others experience the table as an oppressive instrument affording them few choices and options for flourishing. The United Nations developed 17 sustainable development goals that provide a framework for the just “setting” our global table. This was in recognition that we as a global community truly must “hold all things in common” to sustain this planet, global economy, and its people in a healthy way void of poverty and hunger.

An “all things in common” orientation demands a departure from the owner-settler-colonial world view on which much of the world is structured. The Acts text calls us to a new economy that is not market driven. It centers sustainability over profitability and rights our relationships to people and planet. It requires us to respond to God’s generosity by sharing the resources of this good world in ways that enable all to enjoy sufficiency without the depletion of the earth. From the early church we glimpse a vision of an economy where all people are to have what they need to be healthy, sheltered, and cared for as they work and as they rest and replenish.

In our relationship with money, what would need to change to practice an “all things in common” economy? Can we practice generosity like my grandmother, creating a table big enough to welcome all our siblings?

From **BREAD** and **CUP** to **FAITH** and **GMING**



## All Things in Common

[based on Acts 2: 43-47]

**Rev. Sekinah Hamlin** (she/her/hers)

Minister for Economic Justice

United Church of Christ, National Ministries

I grew up with Sunday lunches at my grandmother's dining room table. Members of almost every generation of my family would show up for grandmother's weekly kinship love feast: vegetables seasoned with juicy pork, yam souffle, pot roast, and of course the obligatory gospel bird, chicken. It was a time of fellowship and laughter, Bible study and personal accountability, leader development and community economic development, and so much more. Guests wondered how so many people would fit in the small house!

My brother's decision to become a vegetarian would change our family's Sunday food lineup forever. To him, family meals that were once a source of love felt oppressive as he was given an extremely limited array of food choices. Through lack of understanding, my grandmother and other relatives felt that as my brother rejected meat, he was rejecting them.

### \*Doxology

(Old 100<sup>th</sup>)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost Amen

### \*Unison Prayer of Dedication

Lord of light and life, we come to You this day in celebration of the witness of Jesus and His offerings to You and to us. Open our hearts, our spirits, and our lives to listen to His words for us, and to give as He gave. Help us to be faithful disciples for You; for we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

### Scripture Lesson – Luke 23:33-43 [Common English Bible]

When they arrived at the place called The Skull, they crucified Him, along with the criminals, one on His right and the other on His left. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they don't know what they're doing." They drew lots as a way of dividing up his clothing.

The people were standing around watching, but the leaders sneered at him, saying, "He saved others. Let Him save himself if He really is the Christ sent from God, the chosen one."

The soldiers also mocked him. They came up to Him, offering Him sour wine and saying, "If you really are the king of the Jews, save yourself." Above His head was a notice of the formal charge against him. It read "This is the king of the Jews."

One of the criminals hanging next to Jesus insulted Him: "Aren't you the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"

Responding, the other criminal spoke harshly to him, "Don't you fear God, seeing that you've also been sentenced to die? We are rightly condemned, for we are receiving the appropriate sentence for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

Jesus replied, "I assure you that today you will be with me in paradise."

### Sermon

*"Re-Throning Jesus"*

Barry Bordenkircher

### \*A Time of Gathering and Consecration

*All who are able are invited at this time to bring your pledge/estimate of giving card for 2023, and place it in the basket at the front of the Chancel. Pastor Barry will be offering anointing with oil for any who would like to receive it as a sign of reconsecration.*

### \*Hymn #723

*"For the Fruit of All Creation"*

(Ar Hyd Y Nos)

### \*Benediction (Responsive)

Go joyfully. Give thanks to God. Endure with strength and patience.  
 And may your feet be guided in the ways of peace.

**We go forth with gratitude and pledging to give thanks for the goodness of Creation, all its bounty, and the One who holds it all together in love! Amen.**

## \*Choral Response

### Postlude

“Postlude on Old Hundredth”

(Fred Bock)

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#### Welcome!

Welcome to this house of prayer and worship!

We pray that your experience of worship will deepen your faith and prepare you for the week ahead. We believe God’s Spirit is present in our listening to the Word and our response of discipleship. In our greeting of one another we sense the presence of Christ. May you know His grace and peace today!

**Please sign the guest register when it comes to your seat.**



Flowers in church today are provided by the Sanctuary Flower Fund. If you or anyone you know would benefit from the beauty and joy of the arrangement, please feel free to take them.

Open flower dates are November 27th, December 4th, 11th & 18th  
To reserve your special date, please call the church office.

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#### Season of Advent

November 27, December 4, December 11, December 18

Each week we will light the Advent Candles remembering the themes of: Hope, Love, Peace and Joy. On November 27 we will celebrate the sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion will be served on this Sunday to celebrate the start of the season of Advent. **No communion will be served on Sunday, December 4th.** During these four Sundays we will be singing Advent hymns and Christmas Carols. There will be special music throughout the season from our musicians and singers.

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#### Prayers and Sympathy

We offer our sympathy and prayers to the family of Marjorie Fuldner. Marjorie passed away on Tuesday, November 15, 2022. A memorial service will be held here at St. John’s on Tuesday, November 22nd with visitation from 10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and the service will follow at 11:00 a.m. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.



## **Gifts to the Manger Community Christmas Ministry** **Washington United Church of Christ—Your Help Is Needed**

Sunday, December 11, Washington UCC will provide up to 100 families with gift items and basic necessities. We hope to give about 350 children an outfit, socks, underwear, gloves, hat and a few toys. Each family will receive a box of food.

The Christ Child was born in poverty and given gifts by the magi. What better way to celebrate His birth than to do the same for these children of God! **This is where we need your help!**

**Special Request:** We request no violent games or toys. Do not wrap the gifts (but DO include wrapping paper, etc.). We will do all of the wrapping.

**Monetary Donations are needed and appreciated:** We will do the shopping! Please send donations to: Christmas Ministry, Washington UCC, 2950 Sidney Avenue Cincinnati, OH 45225

**Toys:** Needed are gifts for all ages-especially for teens (toiletries, jewelry, art/craft/jewelry making kits) (handheld video games, CD players, anything electronic is very popular). We need basketballs, soccer balls, footballs, Legos, Hot Wheels, Play Doh, games like Connect -4, action figures, cars and trucks. As well as baby toys, ethnic baby dolls, Barbie dolls and Barbie clothes. For teens: Bath & Body Works, Xbox/PlayStation Network gift cards are good ideas.

**Underwear:** Girl’s sizes 7 to large, women’s sizes 14 to XL, toddlers, boy’s sizes 6-9, and men’s large.

**Socks:** Girl’s ankle socks sizes 4-10 (colors) and 9-11 (white and colors), toddlers, boy’s sizes 6-9, and men’s large.

**Clothing: Girls:** Girl’s sizes 5, 6, 10, 12, 14, 16; Junior’s 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13; and women’s small, medium and large. Sweatpants and tops are preferred.

**Clothing: Boys:** Boy’s outfits in sizes 5-6, 12-14, 14-16, medium, large; men’s sweatpants and shirts in sizes S, M, L, XL

**Gloves, Mittens and Hats:** All sizes (please no stretch gloves)

**Last day to bring gifts to church is**  
**Sunday, December 4, 2022**

