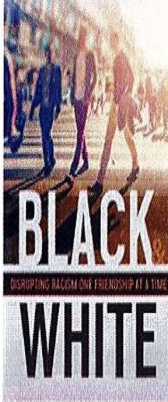


## Laity Celebration - Postponed

TEESHA HADRA JOHN HAMBRICK

Our Laity Celebration has been postponed until Saturday, January 16, 2021

10AM - 2PM



We will be studying the book *Black & White: Disrupting Racism One Friendship at a Time*, by Teesha Hadra & John Hambrick. We no longer have copies available at the Conference Center for purchase, but you may order a copy from one of these vendors: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Christianbook.com, etc.

You may [register here](#). Note: because this will be a virtual event, there will be no registration fee.

If you have questions, you may contact Roena Littlejohn at 203-331-9653 or [Roena.Littlejohn@nyac-umc.com](mailto:Roena.Littlejohn@nyac-umc.com).

You will receive a link to join the meeting a few days prior to the event.

*"And over all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity."*

Colossians 3:14 (CEB)

*Don't miss Bishop Thomas Bickerton's  
address to the Laity at this special event!*

# Woodbury United Methodist Church



## Sunday, November 22, 2020



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November 22, 2020

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

\*Please stand as you are able.

## WE COME TOGETHER IN PRAISE

PRELUDE *Arioso* J. S. Bach

Christopher Shay, organist

GREETING Rev. John Thomason

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Psalter for Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday

Sung Response:

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!**

Know that the Lord, who made us, is God.

**We are the Lord's; we are the people of God, the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving, and God's courts with praise!

**Give thanks and bless God's name!**

For the Lord is good;

**God's steadfast love endures for ever; God's faithfulness to all generations.**

Sung Response:

*Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.*

\*OPENING SONG *You Say* Lauren Daigle

Hymns sung by Matt Bodwell, Rod Carnes, Kate Keeler



## Helping Hands Service Corps.

### Vision Statement:

Create an extended network of community volunteers for helping those with critical near-term needs, but without sufficient local families to whom they can turn.

### Examples of Types of Services:

- Handyman projects (e.g., carpentry, plumbing, electrical repairs, computer troubleshooting)
- Home upkeep (e.g., cleaning, lawn cutting, snow shoveling)
- Transportation and delivery
- Baby-sitting or respite care

**Please Contact:** Mark Davis at [mwd2010a@yahoo.com](mailto:mwd2010a@yahoo.com)



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*Rev. John Thomason, Pastor*

Parsonage phone: 203-263-7575; cell phone: 845-707-5152

Pastor's e-mail: [johnthomason1948@yahoo.com](mailto:johnthomason1948@yahoo.com)

*Chris Shay, Director of Music*

*Kathy Craig, Office Administrator*

*Mark Davis, Lay Leader*

### Mission Statement

*We are a welcoming Christian fellowship who celebrate and share God's love with everyone. We seek a closer relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspired by His example, we strive to be God's hands in this world. Empowered by God's word, we proclaim the Gospel and serve through worship, study, mission, and community support.*

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### Week of November 22, 2020

**Visitors are warmly welcomed!** We invite you to sign the worship register as it is passed during the announcements, or fill out a visitor's card provided by a greeter. If you wish to learn more about WUMC's ministries, please take a copy of our weekly newsletter, *The Messenger*, which is available in the narthex. Immediately following today's worship service, please join us for Fellowship Hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall.

**If you would like to become a member** of the Woodbury United Methodist Church, please speak to the pastor. Inquirers are asked to attend a two-session Membership Orientation class before joining the church.

**Today is Christ the King (Reign of Christ) Sunday** on the Christian calendar. This last Sunday after Pentecost and last Sunday of the Christian Year is a celebration of the coming reign of Jesus Christ and the completion of creation. The liturgical colors are white and gold, which are used for occasions and seasons which especially honor Christ.

**Thanks** to all those making special contributions to our worship service today: *Kate Keeler*, Liturgist; *Matt Bodwell*, *Rod Carnes*, *Kate Keeler*, Singers; and *Rod Carnes*, Children's Time.

**Please note:** WUMC's worship services are recorded and archived on the church's website, [www.woodburyumc.net](http://www.woodburyumc.net).

**Altar flowers** are given this week by *Rynn Naylor* "In loving memory of her mother, *Pat Naylor*."

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\*OPENING PRAYER (unison) led by Kate Keeler, Liturgist  
from *The United Methodist Hymnal*

**Almighty and everlasting God, it is your will to restore all things to Christ, whom you have anointed priest for ever and ruler of all creation. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.**

### WE SEEK GOD'S PRESENCE IN PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rod Carnes

THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Thomason

THE CHURCH AT PRAYER

Kate Keeler

### WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

read by Kate Keeler

Lessons for Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday  
from *The Revised Common Lectionary*

Epistle Lesson: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NRSV)

*Paul's Prayer*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him

the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

\*Gospel Lesson: Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSV)  
*The Judgment of the Nations*

“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

SONG OF PREPARATION      *Cry Out to Jesus*      Third Day

SERMON      *The Once and Future King*      Rev. Thomason

## WE RESPOND IN FAITH

MOMENT OF REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Toby McGrath  
Chair, Finance Committee  
Co-Chair, Stewardship Committee

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY

*Hold Us Together*

Matt Maher

## WE GO FORTH IN JOY

BENEDICTION

Rev. Thomason

POSTLUDE

*Canticle to the Sun*

Richard Purvis

