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Our Sunday service is live-streamed, and microphones pick up sound throughout the sanctuary.

Recording begins at least 15 minutes before the service to include announcements.

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Prelude

Pastor Eduardo
Carrillo

*Twenty – fourth
Sunday after
Pentecost/ Christ the
King/ Reign of Christ/
Thanksgiving Sunday*

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WELCOME,
ANNOUNCEMENTS,
and
CELEBRATIONS

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CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us give thanks to the Lord
our King.

People: **Christ is the image of the
invisible God.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: He reigns not in gold or glory, but in mercy and love.

People: **We bow before the One who wore a crown of thorns.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Leader: Let every heart lift praise to Christ
the King.

People: **We worship with joy and
thanksgiving.**

OPENING PRAYER

**Lord of heaven and earth,
in a world that crowns
power, you choose the
cross. In a season of
gratitude, you remind us
that everything we have**



OPENING PRAYER

comes from your self-giving love. Teach us to follow your way—not just in word, but in heart, in action, and in thanksgiving. Amen.



“Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH 327

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



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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 with Many Crowns” UMH 327

WORDS: Matthew Bridges, 1851 MUSIC: George J. Elvey, 1868

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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 with Many Crowns” UMH 327

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet,
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” UMH 327

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

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.

Young Disciples' Message



Prayer For Illumination

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me,
use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall
afresh on me.**



Colossians 1: 11 – 20

NRSVUE



11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, so that you may have all endurance and patience, joyfully

12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

13 He has rescued us from the power of
darkness and transferred us into the kingdom
of his beloved Son,

14 in whom we have redemption, the
forgiveness of sins.

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the
firstborn of all creation,

16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth
were created, things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions or rulers or
powers—all things have been created through
him and for him.

17 He himself is before all things, and in him
all things hold together.

18 He is the head of the body, the church; he
is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in
everything.

19 For in him all the fullness of God was
pleased to dwell,

20 and through him God was pleased to
reconcile to himself all things, whether on
earth or in heaven, by making peace through
the blood of his cross.



Luke 23: 33 – 43

NRSVUE

33 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

34 Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing.

35 And the people stood by watching, but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!”

36 The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine

37 and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!”

38 There was also an inscription over him,
“This is the King of the Jews.”

39 One of the criminals who were hanged
there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you
not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

40 But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"

41 And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong."

42 Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingdom."

43 He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

The Word of God for
the people of God

Thanks be to God



Sermon

“King of the Cross”

“Now Thank We All Our God” UMH 102

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636 MUSIC: Johann Cruger, 1647

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

“Now Thank We All Our God” UMH 102

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636 MUSIC: Johann Cruger, 1647

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us still in grace,
and guide us when perplexed;
and free us from all ills,
in this world and the next.

“Now Thank We All Our God” UMH 102

WORDS: Martin Rinkart, 1636 MUSIC: Johann Cruger, 1647

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given;
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven;
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

I believe in God
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

And in Jesus Christ

his only Son our Lord:

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

UMH 881

the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead.

The Apostle's Creed

Traditional Version

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I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

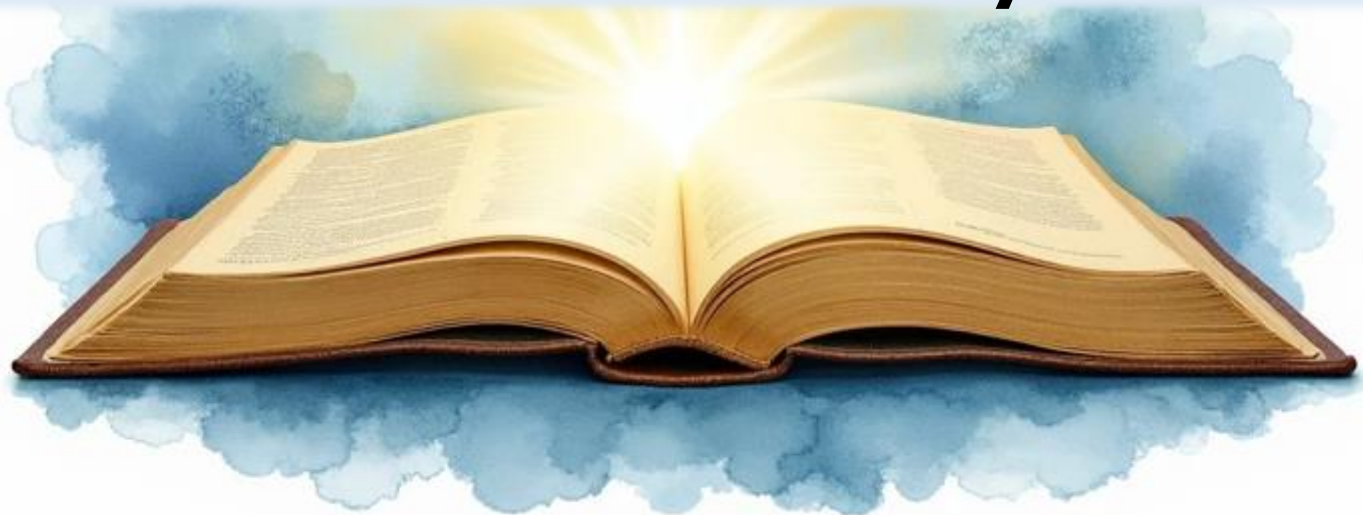


Prayers of the People

Lord,
hear our prayers
as we lift up to
you, our joys
and concerns.



Pastoral Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be
done

on earth as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive those who trespass
against us.

The Lord's Prayer

UMH 895



And lead us not into temptation,

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory,

forever.

Amen

The background of the slide features a soft-focus image of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and brown. In the lower half, two hands are shown from the palms up, held together in a gesture of offering or prayer. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent white rounded rectangle containing the text.

Tithes and Offerings

Worship through giving

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH 94

WORDS: Thomas Ken, 1674; adapted by Gilbert H. Viera, 1978

MUSIC: Geistliche Kirchengesange, 1623; harmonized by Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The background of the image is a soft-focus photograph. The upper half is filled with a dense layer of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and light brown. The lower half shows two hands, palms up, held together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are light-skinned and appear to be reaching upwards towards the leaves. The overall lighting is warm and ethereal, with a slight glow around the hands and leaves.

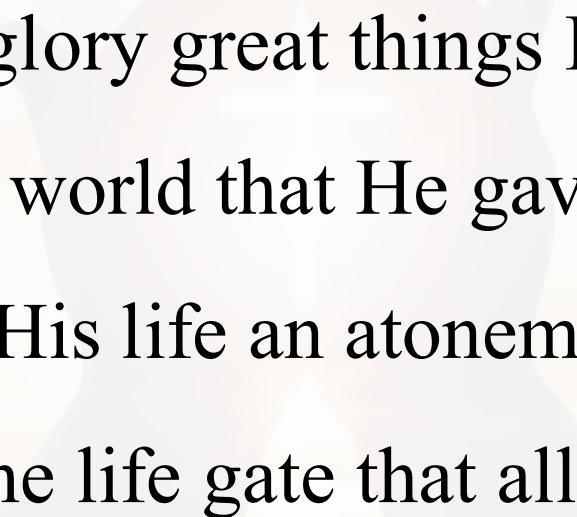
Offertory Prayer

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH 98

Words: Fanny J. Crosty, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



To God be the glory great things He has done
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH 98

Words: Fanny J. Crosty, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

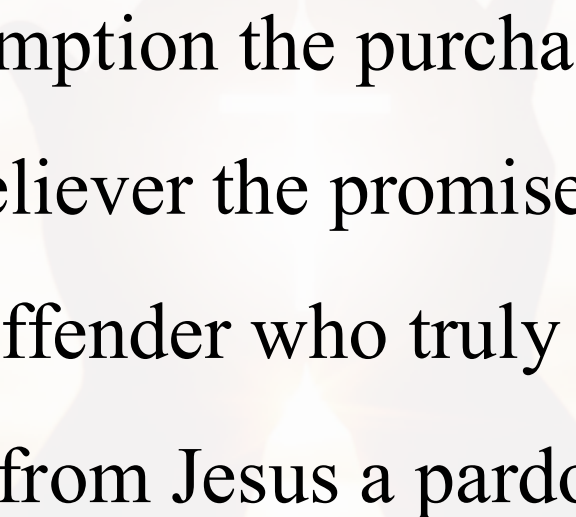
And give Him the glory great things He has done

“To God Be The Glory”

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Words: Fanny J. Crosty, 1875; Music: William H. Doane, 1875

Please stand as you are able and comfortable.



O perfect redemption the purchase of blood
To every believer the promise of God
The vilest offender who truly believes
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH 98

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

“To God Be The Glory”

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Great things He has taught us

Great things He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our transport when Jesus we see

“To God Be The Glory”

UMH 98

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Please stand as you are able and comfortable.

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord praise the Lord

Let the people rejoice

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory great things He has done

A scenic landscape featuring rolling hills and a dense forest of trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of yellow, orange, and red. The sky above is a clear blue with scattered white and grey clouds. A semi-transparent tan rectangular box is centered horizontally across the middle of the image, containing the word "Benediction" in a black, elegant script font.

Benediction

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION



Love. Grow. Serve.

This service has ended, and now
your service in the world begins!

Rectortown United Methodist Church

**serving God with
Prayer, Action, and Love
through Service.**