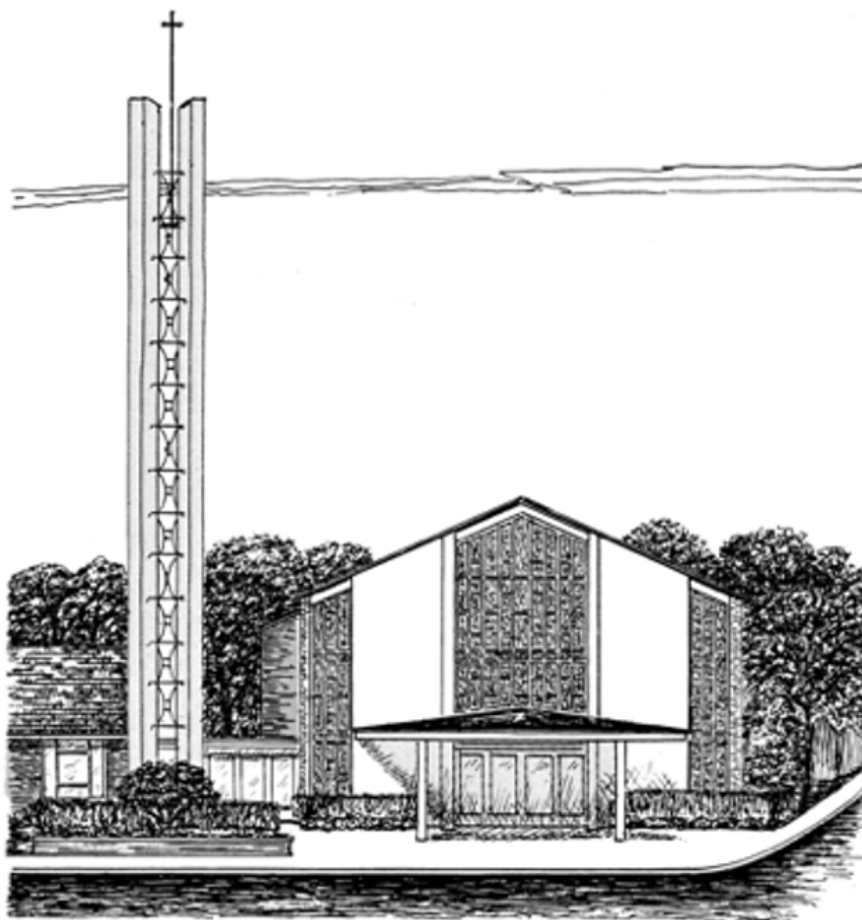


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Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

10:00 am

PRELUDE

"Give Thanks"

Henry Smith

Flute: Mickey Hopp Piano: Susan Shick

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP (People's response in **bold**.)

LEADER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

PEOPLE: And also with you.

LEADER: Holiness is the beauty of God's temple while time shall last.

PEOPLE: We worship God in the sanctity and freedom from our sins, which Christ gives us through his life's blood.

HYMN

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

UMH 694

UNISON PRAYER

Loving God of power and justice and peace, in our broken world we seek a new order. Where there is courage to speak truth to power, we seek a new order. Where there is mutual support in church and community, we seek a new order. Where there is abundant time for healing, we seek a new order where there is peace and freedom for all. Amen.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 18:33-37 NIV

33 Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" 34 Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" 35 Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" 36 Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." 37 Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

This is the Word of God for the People of God **Thanks be to God**

THE CHILDREN'S TIME TO LEAD US

CHORAL ANTHEM

"O Give Thanks"

Joseph M. Martin

PRAYERS OF JOY AND CONCERN

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"We Gather Together"

UMH 131

OFFERTORY PRAYER

(Place your offering and 2022 pledge cards in the treasure chest at the back of the church, mail in your giving or go to the GIVE tab on the website:rockportumc.org)

SERMON

"The Alpha and Omega"

Rev. Don Kraps

HYMN

"God Will Take Care of You"

UMH 130

UNISON BENEDICTION

We are a chosen people, called for the purpose of being sent. Go, therefore, to shine the light of Christ into the darkness, to speak truth to falsehood, to love in the midst of hatred and to live as those who belong to another. In the power and promise of the Triune God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

SERVING THE LORD AT ROCKPORT

Pastor
Director of Christian Education/Youth
Lay Leader
Music Director/Organist
Church Office Administrator
Lector
Sound/Video

Rev. Don Kraps
Kira Cimino Holchin
Jim Spallino
Susan Shick
Sara Chapman
Dan Newman
Scott Holchin

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday, November 21, 2021

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed
11:00am - Pack Military Boxes

Monday, November 22, 2021 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

6:30pm - Choir rehearsal

Wednesday, November 24, 2021 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

6:30-8:00pm - Good News Kids & M&M's
6:30-8:00pm - Youth Group Homework Hang-out, Rm. 17 (Youth Rm.)

Thursday, November 25, 2021 HAPPY THANKSGIVING; OFFICE CLOSED

Friday, November 26, 2021 HAPPY THANKSGIVING; OFFICE CLOSED

9:45am - Al-Anon

Saturday, November 27, 2021

10-2:00pm - Hanging of the Greens

Sunday, November 28, 2021

8:30-9:00am - Early Morning Service
10:00am - In-Person Worship & Live Streamed

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

HANGING OF THE GREENS: Come one, come all and help prepare the Sanctuary for Advent on Saturday, November 27th from 10am -2pm. We need people to help with the ladder, hang wreaths/decorate doors, set-up the Chrismon tree, unpack chrismons and decorate the tree, unpack the nativity and set-up, and also we need supervisors to instruct from the pews and have a donut. Hope to see everyone there!

MILITARY BOXES: TODAY following worship, we will pack military boxes. Please bring items to go in the boxes or consider donating to this mission. Any and all help are greatly appreciated. Questions, contact Jeff Zullo.

2022 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN:

To date we have 33 pledges totaling \$67,242. If you haven't turned in your pledge card yet there are some available by the treasure chest in the narthex. Also, we received one pledge for \$35/week or \$1820/year with no name on it. If you think this is yours please see Sara Chapman. Thanks.

NEHEMIAH MISISON COLLECTION: YOUTH & CHILDREN are collecting for kids and youth gently used (or new) clothing, boots, scarves, gloves, and coats for Nehemiah Mission. PLEASE let us know if you have anything to donate. You can drop it off in the next two weeks. We will have a bin under the Christian Ed table outside the Sanctuary! THIS SUNDAY, November 21st will be the last Sunday for THIS round to collect. The items will be delivered on Monday, November 22nd. We will collect again in the future. Please be watching for that information! ALSO: PLEASE be watching for all of our Mini Missions this fall and winter, as well!

OFFICE VACATION: Please remember the church office is closed for Thanksgiving on November 25-26th. Sara will be on vacation from Friday, November 19th-November 26th. Pastor Don will be in the office on Tuesday, November 23rd from 11-1pm. For pastoral emergencies, please call Pastor Don or leave a message on the church machine. Calls will be checked daily.

MEN'S GROUP DECEMBER CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: The Annual Rockport Men's Group Christmas Celebration will be on Thursday, December 9th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at Nick Berardi's home: 1377 Adelaide Street, Westlake, Ohio 44145. Nick will provide pasta, meatballs and sausage. Bring a salad, vegetables, side dish or desert and your Christmas spirit! We always have a great time at this festive gathering.

PRAYER TENT: We welcome you to stop by the Prayer Tent! Feel free to pray, journal, worship, sit, kneel, stand, rejoice, mourn, and everything in-between! Pray in the way that is comfortable to you. This is YOUR quiet time with God.

CHOIR: Enjoy singing? Enjoy laughing? Enjoy being part of a group? Want to be a part of Worship? Then consider joining choir. We meet every Tuesday from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. We sing twice a month at the 10:00am worship. Hope to see you there!

BOOK CLUB: Please join us on Monday, January 17th at 7pm in the church parlor. We are reading the book *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. This thriller novel takes place on an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast. And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why? Hope to see you all on January 17th for fellowship and discussion!