**November 24, 2024**

**Twenty-seventh Sunday after Pentecost**

**Reign of Christ**

**All that we are, all that we have,**

 **and all that we will become is a gift from God.”**

*\*Indicates all who can, please stand.* **Bold print invites all to speak or sing!**

**Gathering Music “Ode to Thanksgiving” Beethoven**

**\* Call to** Worship (responsive)

Come; praise God, the Almighty One and our solid Rock

**Let the faithful shout for joy!**

Come, praise Jesus the Christ, our voice of truth, the One who rules our lives with justice and peace.

**Let the faithful shout for joy!**

Come, praise God, the Alpha and Omega, the One who was is and shall be forever!

**Let the faithful shout for joy!**

**\*Opening Hymn: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” No. 718**

**\*Unison Prayer**

**God of endings and beginnings, of timeless circles of forever, we celebrate the Reign of Christ: sovereign of eternity, servant leader, witness of truth. Help us renew our commitment and covenant to be disciples. Help us live the example and ministry of Christ. Amen.**

**\*Prayer of Confession**

**Holy God, too often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love; help us turn our hearts toward you. Restore us in your love, set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven. Amen.**

**\*Words of Assurance**

**\* Gloria Patri** No. 35

*Please Be Seated*

**The Choir Sings “Raise the Song of Harvest Home”**

**Scripture Readings: Revelation 1: 4b-8 John 18: 33-37**

**Message: “Endings and Beginnings”**

**A Litany of Thanksgiving**

For every breath we take, for every beat of our hearts, for every sensation of our bodies:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the ear that listens, for the hand that caresses, for the arms that reach out in love:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For relief from pain, for the tears of shared sorrow, for the laughter of shared joy:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the freedom to choose, for the ability to love, for the power of hope:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

For the presence you reveal to us, for the courage you offer us, for the rest you assure us will be ours:

**We give you thanks, O God.**

**Dedication Hymn: “You Servants of God” No. 110**

**Sharing our Joys and Concerns**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

**Presenting our gifts**

**\* The Doxology**

**\*The Dedication Prayer**

**O God of all times and places; in your realm of hope and promise we make our offering to you. Receive these gifts and use them by the power of your Spirit to widen your peaceful reign Amen.**

**\* Consecration Hymn** **“Now Thank We All Our God” No. 715**

**\* Benediction**

Go forth from this place with joy for what is yet to be, with thanks for what has been and with trust for the blessings and trials of the day.

**We go out lifting our voices to you, O God who was, who is and who is to come.**

Go out with joy and hope.

**We go out as faithful people, who shout for joy!**

**Postlude: “Thanks Be to God” Scott**

*Today we are receiving a special offering for Hurricane Relief. Checks can be made payable to Calvary UCC with “Hurricane Relief” noted on the checks. Special offering envelopes are available.*

*Our weekly Advent Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday.*

*This coming Saturday morning, Nov. 30 everyone is invited to help prepare our sanctuary for the upcoming Advent and Christmas Season. We will begin decorating at 10:00 am.*

*Attendance for Nov. 17th was 21 adults.*

*Next Sunday, December 1 we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion during worship.*

*Just a reminder: Please silence or turn off your cell phones during worship.*

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***Welcome to Calvary***

***United Church of Christ***

**November 24, 2024**

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost**

**“Serving God and Crestline Since 1859”**

**We welcome you and thank you for joining in worship!**