

AN ORDER OF CELEBRATION FOR THE GATHERED COMMUNITY  
Woodridge United Methodist Church  
Sunday, November 24th, 2024 Christ the King Sunday

**Prelude** "Celtic Thanksgiving" Choir

**Lighting of the Altar Candles** Jiwon

### Welcome and Announcements

#### \*Call to Worship

**Rick Cihlar:** Children of God, whom do you follow?

**Many Voices: We follow Christ, Ruler of us all.**

**Rick Cihlar:** Children of God, what kind of Ruler is Christ?

**Many Voices: Christ reigns with love and truth, justice and mercy, compassion and peace.**

**Rick Cihlar:** Children of God, how will you live in the reign of Christ?

**Many Voices: We will join Christ in choosing love, truth, justice, mercy, compassion, and peace even when our world tells us not to.**

**Rick Cihlar:** Children of God, come, let us worship God whose Love reigns over us, exemplified in Jesus Christ!

**Many Voices: Come, let us worship! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" UMH #715

#### \*Passing the Peace

#### Opening Prayer

**Rick Cihlar:** We come this day, rejoicing, in the presence of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. At his birth the angels proclaimed his name to be Emmanuel, God with us. Today in this place, in this time of worship, may we truly feel the power and presence of Jesus Christ in our lives. May our hearts and spirits be warmed and challenged to proclaim with our lives, "Christ is Lord!"

**All: Amen!**

**Blessing Our Children** Carrie S.

#### Offering Ourselves

Blessing our Gifts with Music "I Thank You, Lord" Choir

\*Doxology

\*Offering Prayer

**All: Loving Creator, whose reign is everlasting, we offer these gifts with grateful hearts. May they serve to proclaim your truth and extend your kingdom of justice, peace, and love. Transform our offerings and our lives to bear witness to the hope and promise of Christ, our king. In his holy name, we pray. Amen.**

#### Scripture Readings

Old Testament Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8 (NRSVue)

Gospel Lesson

John 18:33-37 (NRSVue)

**Rick Cihlar:** The Word of God for the People of God.  
**Many Voices: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsive Song** "His Name Is Wonderful" UMH #174

**Proclaiming** "To Testify to the Truth" Pastor Dave

**Song** "Give Thanks" TFWS #2036

**Joys and Concerns**

*Text Pastor Dave (224.600.0446) with your prayer requests or give him a note before worship service.*

**Prayers of the People**

**Lord's Prayer**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Jesus Shall Reign" UMH #157

**Benediction**

**Postlude** "O God Beyond All Praising" Choir

*Happy Thanksgiving*