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# Worship Celebration

Reign of Christ Sunday

Thanksgiving Sunday

United Methodist Student Day

November 26, 2023 + 9 AM

SPECIAL  
SUNDAY

UNITED METHODIST STUDENT DAY

“Invest in the human soul.  
Who knows, it might be a  
diamond in the rough.”

—MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE



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# We Gather as God's Children

## Words of Welcome

**Prelude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Paul Manz

### + Call to Worship

*Come let us give thanks to the Lord*

*Who has made us all that we are*

*and has given us all that we have.*

***Open our eyes to see the great works you have done***

***And transform our hearts to be grateful.***

**+ Hymn**

*Father, We Thank You*

UMH 565

## We Grow in God's Word

Leader: With disciples of every time and place,

let us listen for the word of God among us.

**People: *Our ears and hearts are open.***

### First Lesson — Luke 17.11-19 (NRSVUE)

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The word of God for the people of God.

***Thanks be to God.***

**Second Lesson** — 1 Thessalonians 5.16-18 (*NRSVUE*)

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

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**Sermon**

*A Life of Gratitude*

**Hymn**

*All People That On Earth Do Dwell*

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**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**Opportunities for Ministry**

**and Invitation to Give Our Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Anthem**

*We Give You Thanks*

David Haas

**Doxology**

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***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

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**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Commitment**

***God holds the depths of the earth  
and the heights of the mountains,  
the sea and the dry land.***

***We offer and give thanks to God, our maker.  
Amen.***

# **We Go Out to Serve in God's Name**

**+ Hymn**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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**+ Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Trumpet Tune*

David Johnson

***Our service of worship is ended.  
Our worship through service now begins.***

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## **Morning Prayer**

God of all creation,  
I greet your new day with thanksgiving and praise.  
Do not let me neglect the needs of those I meet today,  
and keep me faithful to your ways,  
for I want to live for you. Amen.

## **Evening Prayer**

Thank you, Lord, for the gifts and challenges of this day.  
Where I failed to do your will, forgive me.  
Grant me peace throughout this night,  
and if I should die,  
welcome me into your glory with all the saints in light;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.

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