

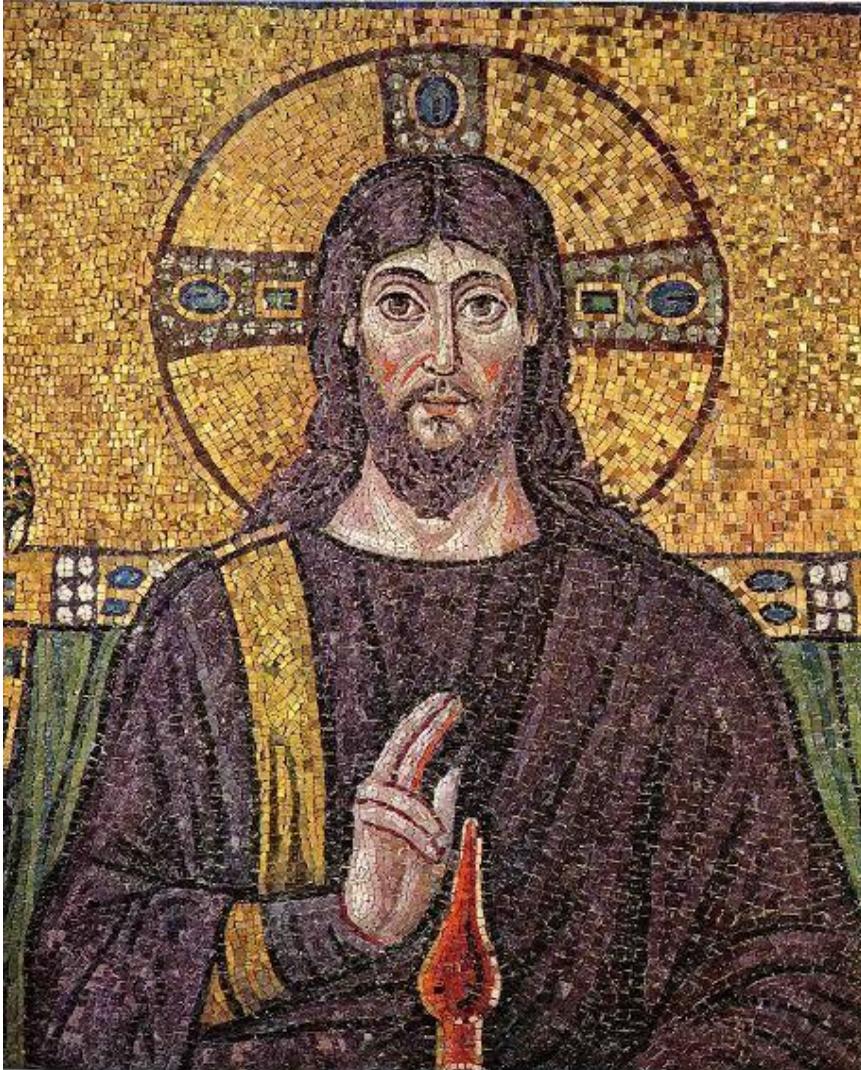
Grace United Church of Christ

Reign of Christ

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Worship



Christos Pantokrator—"Christ, the holder of all things."
[Basilica of Sant' Apollinare Nuovo](#) in Ravenna, Italy

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We Gather

Prelude "We Gather Together",
from *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank* (1626), arr. Lani Smith Jonas Dawson

Intro Video

Welcome

Ringling of the Bell

Preparing of our Hearts

Call to Worship

"I am the Alpha and Omega," says the Lord God.
"who was and is and is to come, the Almighty."

Blessing and honor and glory and might be unto the Lamb!

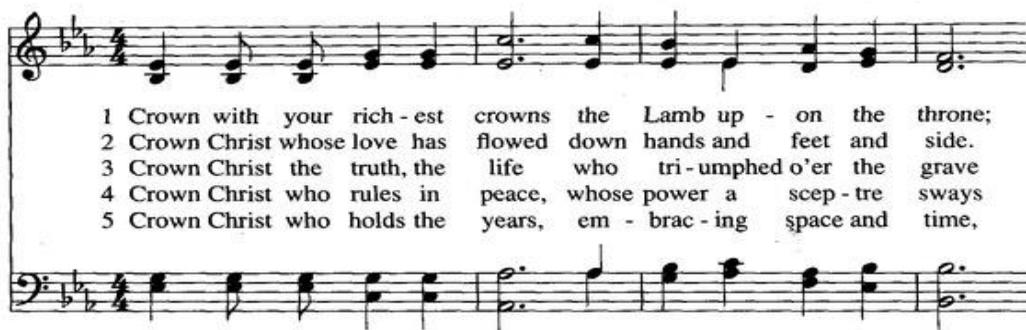
Worthy is Christ who has ransomed us by his blood
from every tribe and tongue and nation
and made His people a kingdom and priests to our God.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
Who was and is and is to come!

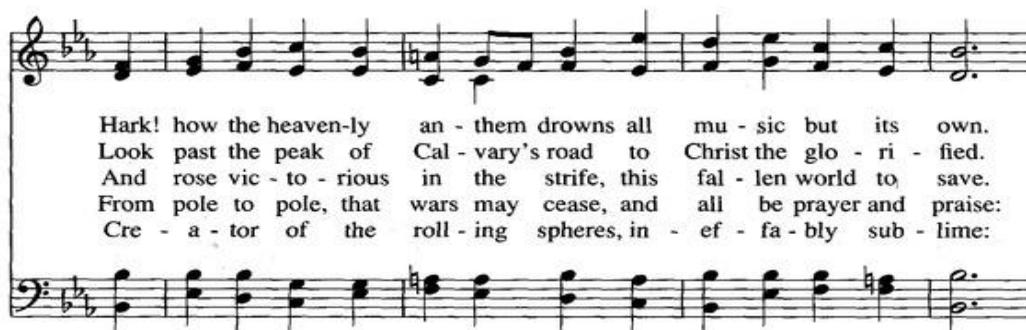
Processional Hymn "Crown with Your Richest Crowns" NCH # 301 (insert)

Crown with Your Richest Crowns

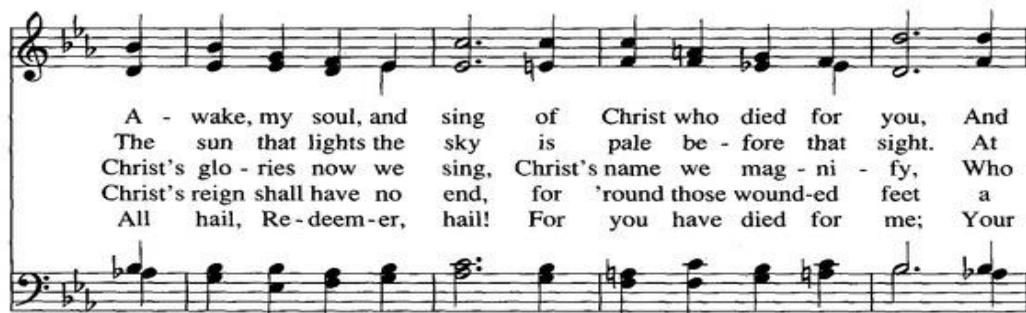
John 19:16-18, 31-34; Rev. 7:9-10

Matthew Bridges, 1851, and Godfrey Thring, 1874
Adapt. Thomas H. Troeger, 1993


1 Crown with your rich - est crowns the Lamb up - on the throne;
2 Crown Christ whose love has flowed down hands and feet and side.
3 Crown Christ the truth, the life who tri - umphed o'er the grave
4 Crown Christ who rules in peace, whose power a scep - tre sways
5 Crown Christ who holds the years, em - brac - ing space and time,



Hark! how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
Look past the peak of Cal - vary's road to Christ the glo - ri - fied.
And rose vic - to - rious in the strife, this fal - len world to save.
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, and all be prayer and praise:
Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Christ who died for you, And
The sun that lights the sky is pale be - fore that sight. At
Christ's glo - ries now we sing, Christ's name we mag - ni - fy, Who
Christ's reign shall have no end, for 'round those wound-ed feet a
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For you have died for me; Your

This hymn has evolved as a composite of the original text by Matthew Bridges and Godfrey Thring's version written twenty-three years later. Diademata was composed for Bridges' text and is titled for the Greek word meaning "crowns."

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
George J. Elvey, 1868

Opening Prayer (unison)

**Almighty and everlasting God,
it is your will to restore all things to Christ,
whom you have anointed priest forever and ruler of creation.
Grant that all the people of the earth,
now divided by the power of sin,
may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns forever. Amen.**

We Listen

Special Music	"A Thankful Heart", Fenton Groden (b. 1982)(Jonas Dawson
First Reading	Ephesians 1:15-23	
Sequence Hymn	"Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing"	NCH # 303 (insert)
Gospel	Matthew 25:31-46	
Children's Message		
Sermon		Rev. Rob Apgar-Taylor

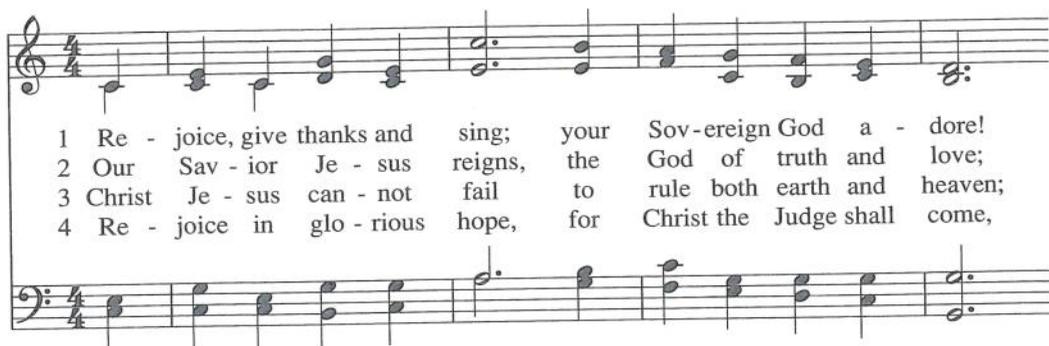
We Respond

Pastoral Prayers

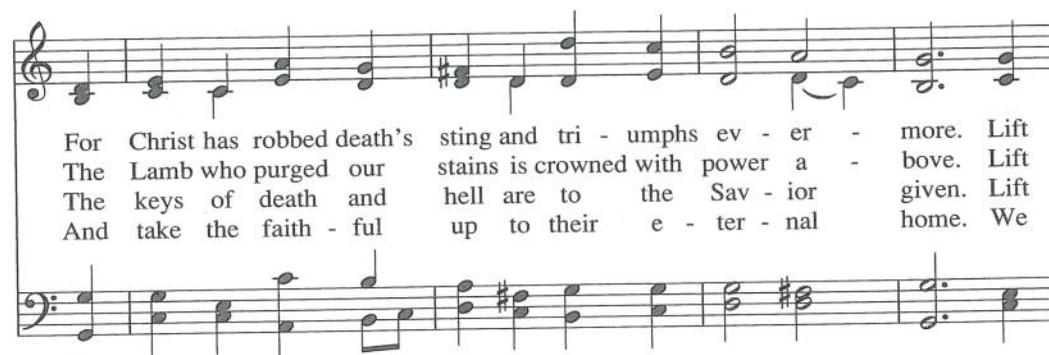
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for Thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

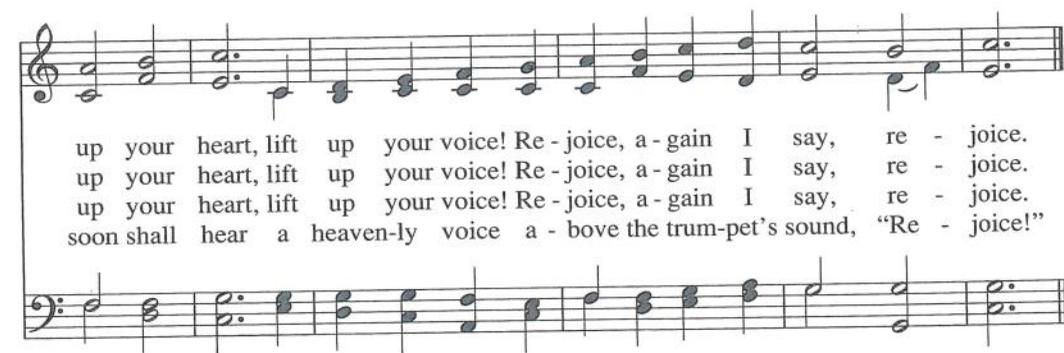
Rejoice, Give Thanks and Sing

*Phil. 4:4; Rev. 3:7; 19:6-7**Charles Wesley, 1746; alt.*


1 Re - joice, give thanks and sing; your Sov-ereign God a - dore!
 2 Our Sav - ior Je - sus reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 Christ Je - sus can - not fail to rule both earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope, for Christ the Judge shall come,



For Christ has robbed death's sting and tri - umphs ev - er - more. Lift
 The Lamb who purged our stains is crowned with power a - bove. Lift
 The keys of death and hell are to the Sav - ior given. Lift
 And take the faith - ful up to their e - ter - nal home. We



up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.
 soon shall hear a heaven-ly voice a - bove the trum-pet's sound, "Re - joice!"

This Ascension text, one of the festival hymns by Charles Wesley, was published originally in John Wesley's Moral and Sacred Poems (1744). Somewhat altered, it appeared in this familiar version in Charles' 1746 collection, Hymns for Our Lord's Resurrection.

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th 6.6.6.6.8.8.
John Darwall, 1770

We are Sent

Announcements

Closing Prayer

Blessing

Closing Hymn

“Come, Oh Thankful People, Come”

UMH # 422 (insert)

1 Come, O thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in
as the winter storms begin;
God our Maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the blessings of the field,
all the stores the gardens yield,
all the fruits in full supply
ripened 'neath the summer sky,
All that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

3 These to you, our God, we owe,
source from whom all blessing flow;
and for these our songs we raise,
grateful vows and solemn praise.
Come, then, thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

Dismissal

Ringing of the bell

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God",
Johann Crüger, arr. Lloyd Larson

Jonas Dawson

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*Cantor - Rob Apgar*



# Frederick Food Bank donation in lieu of Poinsettias for Advent



As we look to the advent and Christmas season, we normally look to poinsettias in memory or honor of a loved one. This year has been a different year so we are doing things bit differently. We will have a limited number of poinsettias in the chancel (probably 12 or so); but, with restrictions the way they are, it seems silly to order 40 poinsettias for a nearly empty church with no Church tour and frankly no way to deliver them to shut-ins afterward.

**If you would like a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one, you are welcome to have that be one of our 12.**

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ORDER and DEDICATE a POINSETTIA EMAIL admin@grucc.com to place your order through the church office and dedicate your poinsettia. First come first serve for the 12 poinsettias.
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BUT..... this year has caused great hardship for people in our community. What I am recommending is that instead of poinsettias, you donate the cost (or more) of the poinsettia to the church and we will make a



**donation in that amount to the *Frederick Food Bank***

**<https://www.cityoffrederickmd.gov/462/Food-Bank-Program>**  
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PLEDGE your DONATION to the Frederick Food Bank email admin@grucc.com to pledge a donation to the Frederick Food Bank and dedicate your donation.
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***Flowers are lovely, but we can easily give \$400 to help feed people this way. And this year there is such need.***

So if you'd like a poinsettia, by all means!

But, if you really don't care about a poinsettia and you'd like to still donate, ***we will gladly make the donation in memory or honor of your loved one.***

Thanks! *Pastor Rob*



## *Grace United Church of Christ*

November 12, 2020

Dear friends,

These past few weeks have been so wonderful to have some of us able to come together again to worship. But as you are aware, the Governor has put more restrictions in place effective yesterday, due to the severe rise in Covid-19 infections in our area.

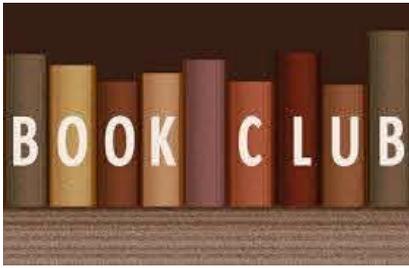
For this reason, we have decided to suspend in-person worship for the time being. We hope that it will only be for a few weeks, unlike the last time. We have been blessed with a superior AV system that allows for high-quality worship participation from home. Yes, it's important to be together. Yes, it's rough thinking about starting advent apart. But none of that is worth losing anyone because we were careless with each other.

So please, let's make this as short a time as possible. Wear your masks, stay home when you can, and above all else, stay safe.

If you are in need of something, please reach out and let us know and we will do our best to get it to you.

*Blessings in this crazy time.*

*Pastor Rob +*



## Grace UCC (Virtual) Book Club

Wednesdays @ 7PM

*Join us if you'd like to socialize, stretch your mind, or just leave the daily grind of life behind for a bit.*

*We start a new book at the beginning of December.*

**beginning  
Wednesday, December 2nd**

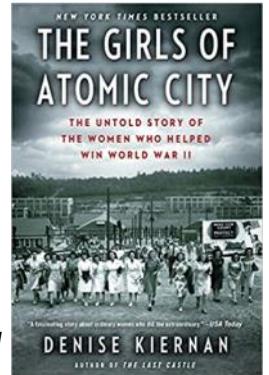
Book title:

### **The Girls of Atomic City by Denise Kiernan**

(Read the first 4 chapters for discussion on that date)

*An incredible true story of the top-secret World War II town of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and the young women brought there unknowingly to help build the atomic bomb.*

*At the height of World War II, Oak Ridge, Tennessee, was home to 75,000 residents, and consumed more electricity than New York City, yet it was shrouded in such secrecy that it did not appear on any map. Thousands of civilians, many of them young women from small towns across the U.S., were recruited to this secret city, enticed by the promise of solid wages and war-ending work. What were they actually doing there? Very few knew. The purpose of this mysterious government project was kept a secret from the outside world and from the majority of the residents themselves.*



*Drawing from the voices and experiences of the women who lived and worked in Oak Ridge, The Girls of Atomic City rescues a remarkable, forgotten chapter of World War II from obscurity. Denise Kiernan captures the spirit of the times through these women: their pluck, their desire to contribute, and their enduring courage*

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***Look for your all church email or check the church website for zoom link.***

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### SUNDAY WORSHIP – 11:00 AM — Virtual

Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday of every month.

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### WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

Scripture Reader: ONLINE  
Children's Message: N/A  
Children's Church: N/A  
Altar Guild: N/A

*If you would like to serve as a greeter, or host fellowship time after worship,  
please add your name to the sign up sheet in the Good Shepherd Room.*

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