

November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday
Thrive! Stewardship Series
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Kinship

Welcome and Announcements:

Dave Tom

Stewardship Moment

Music to Prepare Our Hearts:

Michael Snyder

"I Stand Amazed in the Presence "

Charles H. Gabriel, arranged by Cincy Berry

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Call to Worship: *

Anita Thompson

Leader: Come, let us worship the God who rises in power and rides upon the clouds.

People: We lift our voices to the One who is our strength and our salvation.

Leader: God is a defender of the vulnerable, a father to the orphan, a protector of the widow.

People: God sets the lonely in families and leads the prisoners into freedom.

Leader: Sing to God, all you people!

People: Sing praises to the Lord, who daily bears us up and surrounds us with love.

All: Blessed be God—Mighty in power, rich in mercy, and faithful forever! Let us worship with joy!

Opening Hymn: *

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

UMH #557

Opening Prayer:

Anita Thompson

Holy and compassionate God, We gather in gratitude for Your mercy and Your call. You remind us that when we feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, and care for the sick and forgotten— we are

serving You. Open our eyes to see Christ in every person. Open our hearts to respond with generosity and love. Break down our indifference and shape us into a people who reflect Your kingdom. As we worship today, fill us with Your Spirit, that our words, our prayers, and our actions may honor You. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Teacher and Savior. Amen.

A Time of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Philip

Time of Quiet for Personal Prayer

The Lord's Prayer:

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading #1: Matthew 25:35-40

Anita Thompson

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Scripture Reading #2: Psalm 68:5-10

A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing; but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land. When you went out before your people, O God, when you marched through the wasteland, the earth shook, the heavens

poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. You gave abundant showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance. Your people settled in it, and from your bounty, O God, you provided for the poor.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God

All: Thanks be to God

**Hymn of Reflection: * "Where Charity and Love Prevail" (Vs1-4)
UMH #549**

Message: "Kinship Through Service" Pastor Philip

We Share Our Gifts
Pastor Philip

Music During Offering: Michael Snyder

"Rain Down"

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Doxology: *
UMH #95 **"Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow"**

Closing Hymn: * **"Sent Forth with God's Blessing" UMH #664**

Benediction:

Music for Going Forth:

Michael Snyder

"Lead On, O King Eternal"

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***Please stand as you are able**