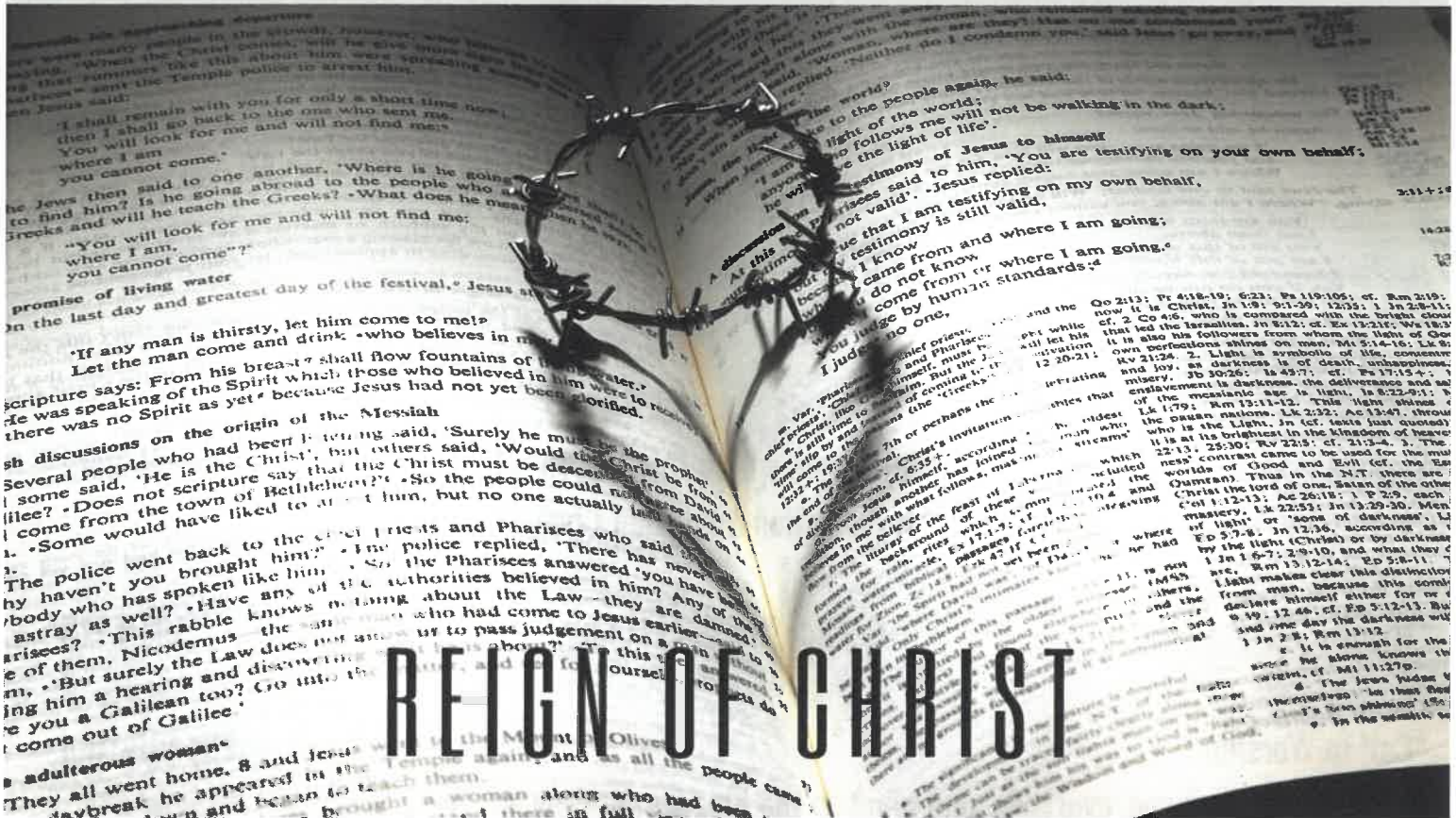


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Milwood United Methodist Kalamazoo, Michigan

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OUR MISSION

*Connecting Through Christ:
Serve, Worship, Learn, Witness*

Rev. Caleb Williams, Pastor
Darlene Sang, Director of Choirs
Carl Doubleday, Organist
Yunsi Zhang, Pianist
Ellen Batten, Liturgist
Gordy Brodhagen, Alex Gordon, Dave Gordon, & Eric Rice, Sound & Technology



Nursing moms:
the lounge at the far north end of
the building is open for your use
and privacy.

Welcome to Worship

***please stand if you are able**

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

FWS = The Faith We Sing

Trinity Chimes

Prelude

**Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart
JuBELLation Adult Bell Choir**

Jeffrey Honoré

***Hymn**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

UMH 715

***Call to Worship:**

Ellen Batten

Leader: Come, everyone, and glimpse the kingdom of God!

All: *We're here to be the family of love!*

Leader: Come reconnect with the God of everything!

All: *We're here to make room for our neighbors!*

Leader: Come and be the body of Christ in this world!

All: *We're here to build a kingdom without borders!*

Leader: All are welcome here!

All: *Thanks be to God! Amen!*

***Response**

Glory Be to the Father

UHM 70

Welcome

Pastor Caleb Williams

Interlude

**Songs of Praise
JuBELLation**

Susan Geschke

Prayer and 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.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Anthem

The Kingdom
Chancel Choir

André Thomas

Righteousness, peace, Joy in the Holy Ghost, That's the Kingdom of God.
Don't you want to be a part of the Kingdom? Come on everybody!
Oh, yes, there's joy (peace, love) in the Kingdom!
The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.
We are part of the earth, And it is part of us.
The perfumed flowers are our sisters, The deer, the horse, the great eagle.
These are our brothers. Oh, All, things are connected.
Rivers our brothers, Earth our mother. The earth is the Lord's.

Pilate went back into the palace. He summoned Jesus and asked, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

Jesus answered, “Do you say this on your own or have others spoken to you about me?”

Pilate responded, “I’m not a Jew, am I? Your nation and its chief priests handed you over to me. What have you done?”

Jesus replied, “My kingdom doesn’t originate from this world. If it did, my guards would fight so that I wouldn’t have been arrested by the Jewish leaders. My kingdom isn’t from here.”

“So you are a king?” Pilate said.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. I was born and came into the world for this reason: to testify to the truth. Whoever accepts the truth listens to my voice.”

Sermon

A Different Kind of King

Pastor Caleb Williams

*Hymn

Jesus Shall Reign
(omit verse 3)

UMH 157

*Blessing

*Postlude

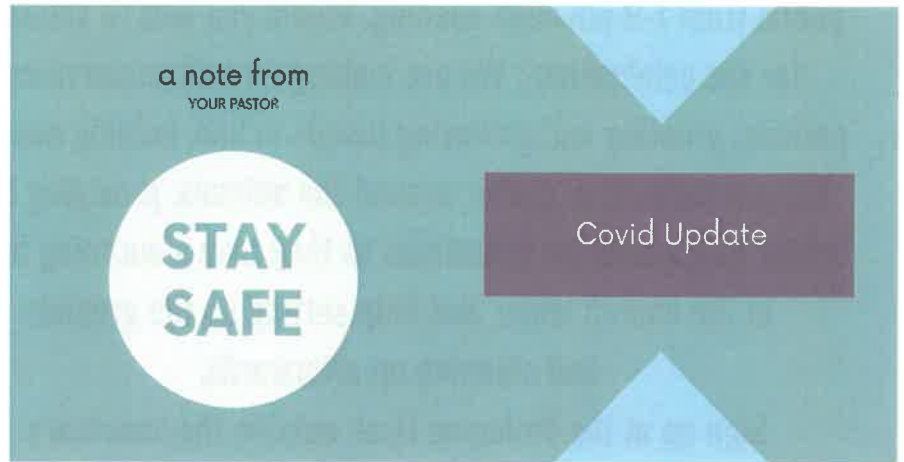
Postlude on DUKE STREET
Jesus Shall Reign

Allan Mahnke

Sermon Notes:

It's been a while since we communicated about the ever-present pandemic. The caseload and rates in our area continue to climb, more than 30x the rates this summer, and arrival of cold weather will likely mean even more spread in our community. For now, our response will remain the same:

- There will always be an online option for worship.
- We wear masks to help protect others.
- Every other row is closed to keep us from crowding too much.
- Any food (except communion) is either outside or to-go.



Let's stay strong as we continue to try to make wise decisions to keep our church family and neighborhood healthy.

- Pastor Caleb



If you would like to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one (or just for yourself!) to be placed in the church sanctuary, please pick up an order form out at the Welcome Desk and submit it in an envelope along with your payment to the church office or place it in the offering plate. You may write a check payable to Milwood UMC, or include cash. Poinsettias can be picked up following the Christmas Eve service on December 24th.

The Living Nativity is returning to Milwood!



Friday, December 17, & Saturday, December 18 the Living Nativity and Scheumann Farm petting zoo will be open to the public from 7-9 pm each evening. Would you love to volunteer for the celebration? We are looking for help supervising parking, greeting and gathering people in line, helping monitor the guests as they gather around the animals, providing hot drinks and snacks for volunteers as they take a warming break in the church lobby, and help setting up the grounds and cleaning up afterwards.

Sign up at the Welcome Desk outside the sanctuary during the weeks leading up to the Nativity, or call Georgia Dalton at 269-365-7472.

Thank you so much for joining in our Advent celebration!



Living Nativity & Adopt-a-Family

Help make a child's Christmas this year!

We have 19 children from low income families this year. Each child will receive a book, a piece of clothing, and a toy. All suggested gifts are under \$20.00.

- 1) Take a tag from the Christmas tree.
- 2) Buy the gift on the back of the tag.
- 3) Return the wrapped gift by December 12th with the tag on it.

May this warm your heart this Holiday season.
Thank you.



Update: Our Family Finances



Dream Big

Hey, everyone, we had a wonderful Dream Big session last month and I want to update you on where we are heading regarding improvements! We had a fine turnout and some truly creative and great ideas come forth from so many different folks! As Lay Leader, I'm truly excited in our future! Yes, the mortgage has been paid, so we're changing from the "building fund" to the "Capital Improvement Fund." The Operations Team will be taking on the task of reviewing the ideas coming in and making a list of what we want to address. We've committed to turning this money into ministry in the next three years. These ideas may range from anywhere from small projects, like switching to 100% LED lighting, to a new and safer style roof for the educational wing, to a new playground for our neighborhood children to enjoy, to perhaps a passenger van for picking up folks who have trouble getting to church, to bowling, axe throwing, potential new staffing and everything in-between! We're still open to your good ideas! Let us know how we can make Milwood a thriving place that folks want to be a part of for many years to come! Sound good? We'll keep you posted as we get going on this, but in the meantime, your support for all this is most definitely appreciated!

Thanks so very, very much!

Gary Willoughby and the Ops. Team



ADVENT EVENTS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Lessons in Carols

Sunday, Dec 12th

Delight your heart with this special service,
singing classic carols & hearing

Living Nativity

Dec 17th & 18th

Imagine what it was like that first Christmas
for Mary, Joseph, the shepards and the animals

Sweater Sunday

Sunday, Dec 19th

Wear your favorite Christmas sweater
to worship on Sunday morning!

Community Caroling

TBA

Carol in the neighborhood before
warming up with hot cocoa & cookies

Christmas Eve

December 24th, 7pm

Candle-light Service

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