



\*The order of service is subject to change at the leading of the Holy Spirit.

*Italicized Bold print* invites congregational response in unison.

\*Means you are **invited to stand** if able and comfortable.

Large print hymnals, large print bulletins, service script, pew cushions, and Listening Assistance Devices are available at the entry of the Sanctuary

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**WE GATHER TOGETHER**

**Prelude** Harlan Otter

**Words to Ponder:**

Christ takes care of us, as a shepherd takes care of the sheep, offering love and redemption, mercy and grace.

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Introit** "Rule of Life" Chancel Choir  
by Edward Bonnemere

**\*Call to Worship** Cynthia Willett

Our blessed God has gathered us here, looking on us with loving eyes.  
**May we dwell in the tender mercy of God as we sing songs of praise.**

**\*Opening Prayer**

Tender Shepherd, you gather us here to dwell in your love and grace. You comfort and guide us. You heal and redeem us. As we sing your songs of praise, send your light into our lives. As we commit ourselves to the ways of Christ, our guide, ruler, and savior, bless us with your presence. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Praise** "Rejoice, the Lord is King" (v1,2&4) UMH#715

**\*Passing of the Peace Of Christ** Bill Florin

**Children's Message** Pastor Ed

**WE HEAR THE WORD**

**Prayer of Confession (in unison)** Cynthia Willett

Jesus Christ, Son of God, forgive the time we have forgotten you: the times we have turned away from you, the times we have laughed at you, the times we have ignored you and the needs of our brothers and sisters. Bring us close once more, that we might dwell in your redeeming love. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

**Words of Assurance** Bill Florin

**Hymn of Response** "O Come, O come Emmanuel" (v1,2&4) UMH#211

**Scripture Reading**

Psalm 100

Cynthia Willett

*A Psalm of thanksgiving.*

**1** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**2** Serve the LORD with gladness;  
come into his presence with singing.

**3** Know that the LORD is God.  
It is he who made us, and we are his;<sup>[a]</sup>  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

**4** Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise.  
Give thanks to him; bless his name.

**5** For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*(Musical Interlude)*

**\*Gospel Reading** Luke 1:68-79 Cynthia Willett

<sup>68</sup> "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has looked favorably on<sup>[a]</sup> his people and redeemed them.

<sup>69</sup> He has raised up a mighty savior<sup>[b]</sup> for us  
in the house of his child David,

<sup>70</sup> as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

<sup>71</sup> that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

<sup>72</sup> Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors  
and has remembered his holy covenant,

<sup>73</sup> the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,  
to grant us <sup>74</sup> that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear, <sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness  
in his presence all our days.

<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

<sup>77</sup> to give his people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.

<sup>78</sup> Because of the tender mercy of our God,  
the dawn from on high will break<sup>[c]</sup> upon<sup>[d]</sup> us,

<sup>79</sup> to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Reflecting on God's Message "A King Like No Other." Bill Florin

Prayers of the People Bill Florin

Invitation of the Offering Bill Florin

Offertory Anthem "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Mary Prause  
By Wallace Willis

\*Doxology "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH # 95  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, Ye heavenly Host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen

Offering Prayer Bill Florin

Almighty Christ, you gave us the gift of yourself. Now we offer these gifts to you, asking that you bless them and use them to share your kingdom with all. In your name, we pray.  
Amen. Sending Forth

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

\*Sending Hymn "Crown Him with Many Crowns" (v1,2&4) UMH#327

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.  
Do not let us fall into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Benediction

Postlude

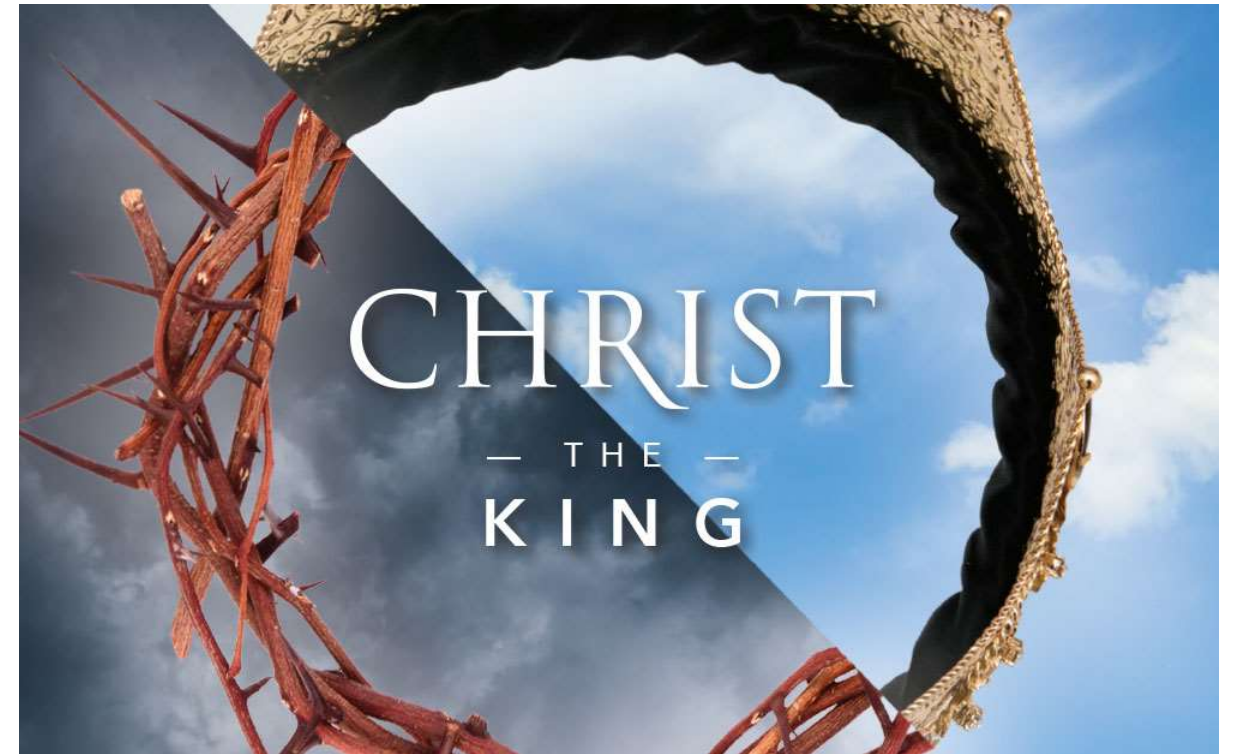
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Liturgist – Cynthia Willett

Ministers:

*All members of the New Milford UMC*



**Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost**

**11.20.2022 | 9:30 am**

*You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our LORD Jesus Christ.*

Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here!

Whatever your gender identity, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.