

Reign of Christ/Christ the King Sunday – November 23, 2025 – 10:30A
Thanksgiving Sunday

Order of Worship

The Community Gathers

Lighting of Altar Candles

Prelude – Instrumental

A Word of Greeting/Centering Words

Minister 'Ainise Isama'u

God shines holy light into the shadows of our world. The sun of God's mercy and strength bathes all creation.

Opening Hymn – We Gather Together UMH#98 v. 1,3

Giving God Glory As We Come to Worship

Call to Worship (L: Leader, P: People)

Tam Kobayashi

L: Blessed be the Holy One,

P: who looks upon us with love and mercy.

L: Blessed be the Holy One,

P: who sent us a Savior to rescue us from despair.

L: Blessed be the Holy One and God's beloved Child,

P: who rules in realm of forgiveness and peace.

L: Blessed be the Holy One,

P: who is worthy of our worship.

Opening Prayer

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God of creation, we cannot see you, but we see what you have created in all its beauty and bounty! Jesus, Child of God, the entire universe lives in you, and for you, and through you! Spirit of the Holy One, you sweep across creation, enlivening and sustaining. Everything on earth and in heaven has its being and its hope because of you, Triune God. Blessed is your holy, life-giving name! Amen.

A Message to the Children (In Us All)

Minister 'Ainise Isama'u

The Word of God for the People of God

Congregational Hymn – Give Thanks & Now Thank We All Our God Medley

TFWS#2036, UMH#102

Scripture Lesson: Colossians 1:11-20

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11 by being strengthened through his glorious might so that you endure everything and have patience; 12 and by giving thanks with joy to the Father. He made it so you could take part in the inheritance, in light granted to God's holy people. 13 He rescued us from the control of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. 14 He set us free through the Son and forgave our sins.

15 The Son is the image of the invisible God,
the one who is first over all creation,^[a]
16 Because all things were created by him:
both in the heavens and on the earth,
the things that are visible and the things that are invisible.
Whether they are thrones or powers,
or rulers or authorities,
all things were created through him and for him.
17 He existed before all things,
and all things are held together in him.
18 He is the head of the body, the church,
who is the beginning,
the one who is firstborn from among the dead^[b]
so that he might occupy the first place in everything.
19 Because all the fullness of God was pleased to live in him,
20 and he reconciled all things to himself through him—
whether things on earth or in the heavens.
He brought peace through the blood of his cross.

L: The word of God for all People.

P: Thanks be to God.

Special Music – Thankful, S. Edwards

Kids and Choir

Sermon – “Held Together By Christ”

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Pastoral Prayer – Lord’s Prayer

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We Respond to God’s Grace

Offering our Gifts –

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Offertory – I’m So Grateful

Doxology – Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow UMH#95

Prayer of Dedication

Tam Kobayashi

Loving God, may our gifts bring your love to all. Jesus Christ, our Deliverer, may our gifts show the world that we belong to one another. For each of us is held in your embrace. In the name of the Holy Spirit, who gives the breath of life, we pray. Amen.

Going Forth in God’s Holy Name

Faith in Action – The Ministry of Faith UMC

Minister ‘Ainise Isama’u

Closing Hymn – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing UMH#400, v.1,3

Commission and Blessings

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Passing of the Peace – Postlude