

**Astoria First United Methodist Church**

*Christ the King Sunday*

*November 22, 2020*

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Mary Frances**

**CENTERING MUSIC**

**Kristin Hammond**

**WELCOME**

**Pastor Michael**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Sue Hicks**

Come and seek together the salvation of God. Welcome the stranger. Distribute resources to those struggling. Tend to the needs of others and practice mutual care. Abolish all that imprisons and robs others of their dignity. This is the way of Christ Jesus. Let the old ways be left behind. Love has come in the person of Jesus to free us.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Pastor Michael**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

*“Ephesians 1:15-23”*

**Sue Hicks**

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

**UNISON PRAYER FOR CONFESSION**

**Sue Hicks**

Holy One, we are like sheep that stray from your fold. We are the perpetually hungry, ever in spiritual need, and at times in physical want. We are the naked, with wounds exposed and bleeding. We are the sick, fevered, chilled, and in pain. We are the strangers, separated from others and even from ourselves. Hear us now as we confess our brokenness and our need. Amen.

**MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

**Sue Hicks**

God feeds the hungry and gives hope to the parched. God brings healing to the sick and visits those imprisoned. God wraps warmth around the cold and knits a sweater for the naked. God loves every person, forgives every person, cares for every person. Thanks be to God. **AMEN**

<b>SPECIAL MUSIC</b>	<i>“Give Thanks”</i>	<b>Kristin Hammond</b>
<b>GOSPEL LESSON</b>	<i>“Matthew 25:31-46”</i>	<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>SERMON</b>	<i>“Love Lessons”</i>	<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>JOYS AND CONCERNS</b>		<b>Mary Frances</b>
<b>PASTORAL PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<b>LORD’S PRAYER</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>
<i>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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. AMEN</i>		
<b>BENEDICTION:</b>		<b>Pastor Michael</b>

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**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We welcome to our friends from the Warrenton UMC  
as they join us for worship.**

**We still need volunteers for liturgist each week.  
Please call Sue Hicks or Mary Frances Gunn if you wish to help.**

**If you want to provide special music – let Mary Frances know.**

**We now have recordings of the worship services available as a link.**

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