WORSHIP HANDOUT
Sunday November 22nd

OPENING OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*SONG OF WELCOME Gather Us In

*CALL TO WORSHIP (liturgist)
We come, for God gathers us here,
with that community called faith:
where the hungry are served first,
where the thirsty drink life's water.
We come, for God welcomes us here
into that home called grace:
where the naked are clothed in robes of hope;
where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.
We come, for God reunites us here,
sisters and brothers in that family called love:
where the imprisoned model justice,
where the sick are cradled in God's peace.
We come, to be reminded of God's Love:
Where we are enveloped in Grace,
Where we are reminded of our goodness even when we fail.

— written by Thom Shuman, and posted on his excellent **Lectionary Liturgies** website. http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com/2008/11/reign-of-christ.html Visit that site for other great lectionary-based worship resources. Adapted and expanded upon by Rev. Andrew Scott, OSL.

OPENING PRAYER (unison)
Lord God, our friend. We gather this day to draw closer to you and one another. We feel as though we have failed, missed out on you and

your opportunities. Yet, you love us anyways. We feel as though we have let you down, and yet you love us anyways. You pick us up, dust us off, and give us the chance to try again. Even on our worst days, you love us. On mountain tops and in valleys. When we miss important phone calls, forget events on our calendars, and let down our friends and family; you love us anyways. And for that, we give thanks. Amen.

SONG AS CHILDREN GATHER The B-I-B-L-E
CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ANTHEM "We Thank You, Lord" Angerman/Martin

TIME OF PRAYER
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYER
LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN It Is Well with My Soul UMH 377

LESSON 1 Psalm 100 (liturgist) CEB

Shout triumphantly to the Lord, all the earth!
2 Serve the Lord with celebration!
Come before him with shouts of joy!
3 Know that the Lord is God—
he made us; we belong to him.[a]
We are his people,
the sheep of his own pasture.
4 Enter his gates with thanks;
enter his courtyards with praise!
Thank him! Bless his name!
5 Because the Lord is good,
his loyal love lasts forever;
his faithfulness lasts generation after generation.

May God Add a Blessing to This Reading.

*HYMN Thy Word Is a Lamp UMH 601

*LESSON 2 Matthew 25:31-46 CEB

31 "Now when the Human One[a] comes in his majesty and all his angels
are with him, he will sit on his majestic throne. 32 All the nations will be
gathered in front of him. He will separate them from each other, just as
a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 He will put the sheep
on his right side. But the goats he will put on his left.
34 "Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who will
receive good things from my Father. Inherit the kingdom that was
prepared for you before the world began. 35 I was hungry and you gave
me food to eat. I was thirsty and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger
and you welcomed me. 36 I was naked and you gave me clothes to wear.
I was sick and you took care of me. I was in prison and you visited me.'
37 "Then those who are righteous will reply to him, 'Lord, when did we
see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you a drink? 38 When
did we see you as a stranger and welcome you, or naked and give you
clothes to wear? 39 When did we see you sick or in prison and visit
you?'
40 "Then the king will reply to them, 'I assure you that when you have
done it for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you
have done it for me.'
41 "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Get away from me, you who
will receive terrible things. Go into the unending fire that has been
prepared for the devil and his angels. 42 I was hungry and you didn't give
me food to eat. I was thirsty and you didn't give me anything to drink.
43 I was a stranger and you didn't welcome me. I was naked and you
didn't give me clothes to wear. I was sick and in prison, and you didn't
visit me.'
44 "Then they will reply, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty
or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and didn't do anything to

help you?' [45] Then he will answer, 'I assure you that when you haven't done it for one of the least of these, you haven't done it for me.' [46] And they will go away into eternal punishment. But the righteous ones will go into eternal life."

This is the Word of God for all people.
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE The Pangs of Regret

*HYMN What a Friend We Have in Jesus UMH 526

OFFERTORY
*DOXOLOGY UMH 95
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER

*BENEDICTION
Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing UMH 671

POSTLUDE