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God is the Ruler Yet

Sunday, November 21, 2021
Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Special guest Reverend Michael Ballard

Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-38a

Peterborough United Methodist Church

Welcome! If you are a first-time guest please fill out our digital welcome card [bit.ly/pumcwelcomecard](https://www.peterboroughumc.org/).

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~Wiggling is appropriate & welcome.

Responsive parts in bold.

*Those able are invited to stand in praise.

PRELUDE

Organist

WELCOME

Liturgist

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Psalm 138, NRSV, Thanksgiving and Praise Of David

L: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods
I sing your praise;

P: I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks
to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;
for you have exalted your name and your word above
everything.

L: On the day I called, you answered me, you increased my strength
of soul.

P: All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord, for
they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They shall sing of the ways of the Lord for great is the glory of
the Lord.

P: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly; but
the haughty he perceives from far away.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me against
the wrath of my enemies; you stretch out your hand, and your right
hand delivers me.

A: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast
love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of
your hands.

~OPENING PRAYER

Liturgist

Harry Emerson Fosdick, U.S.A., 20th Cent. ALT. The UMC BOW #506

**O God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief
cornerstone.**

**Save the community of your people from cowardly surrender
to the world, from rendering unto Caesar what belongs to
you, and from forgetting the eternal Gospel amid the
temporal pressures of our troubled days.**

**For the unity of the Church we pray, and for fellowship across
the embittered lines of race and nations; to grow in grace,
building in love, enlargement in service, increase in
wisdom, faith, charity, and power, we dedicate our lives;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

~*APOSTLES CREED

UMH 882

Liturgist

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal

~HYMN This is my Father's World

UMH 144

SCRIPTURE *Revelation 1:4b-8 Pew Bible NT p 230*

Liturgist

John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;

every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Susan Lindquist

JOYS & CONCERNS

Leader

Joys: Gracious Lord, **bless this joy.**
Concerns: Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Leader

~THE LORD'S PRAYER UMH 895

Leader

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not in to temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING *Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service, and Witness* Liturgist

DOXOLOGY UMH 95

Liturgist

**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.**

~*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Liturgist

Carol Penner, Uniting Church of Australia

We work for you, God, in whatever we do. Paid labor, volunteer work, our home life - all our time we spend for you. Thank you for jobs which provide us with an income; we share the fruit of our labor with you, knowing that you are the Great Provider. Use these offerings in your kingdom work, as your provide good news, healing and hope to all people. Amen.

Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

The Word of God for the People of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE *God is the Ruler Yet*

Leader

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Leader

POSTLUDE

Organist

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY:

Leader: Reverend Michael Ballard
Liturgist: Laura Constantine
Children's Moment: Susan Lindquist
Organist: Gene Brochu
Production: Hiel Lindquist



ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING:

**all times in Eastern Time*

Sun 10a **Worship service** online via YouTube or in-person
*Note worship service will be at 11am 12/5/21-6/26/22.

Tue-Thu 9-12 **Office Hours**

Nov 23 TBD **Interfaith Thanksgiving** Service @Unitarian
Nov 25 **No office hours** Happy Thanksgiving!
Nov 28 **Wreaths** projected to arrive *details TBD
Nov 28 **UM Student Day** collection
Nov 29 5p **Charge Conference** via Zoom
Nov 29 7p **Missions meeting** via Zoom
Nov 30 **Newsletter submissions** due
Dec 1 **Pledge Cards** due
Dec 1 10a **Heart Grew Three Sizes** bible study via Zoom or in-person
Dec 5 11a **Pastor Todd Layton's** first service

EVENTS:

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Sunday Worship 10a

in-person, 43 Concord St, Peterborough

streaming on YouTube <http://bit.ly/joinpumcyoutube>

posted online bit.ly/pumcworshipvideo

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SEND US YOUR JOYS:

We are looking for photos or videos of your joys. Joy files should be either .jpg images or .mp4 video. Send joys to pumclivestream@gmail.com.

Welcome!

Join us online or in-person at 10 am ET on Sunday

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We are delighted to welcome you to our service.

Please be aware the ambient mic will pick up on conversations in the sanctuary.

If you use a hearing aid with bluetooth (or headphones) you can connect directly to our audio with the Listen Everywhere app on your smartphone. If you would like a headset please see an usher.

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FOOD OFFERING:

For the foreseeable future, drop off food offerings at the church. There is a large deck bin at the side entrance of the church (bottom of the ramp) with a sign. Just drop your bag of pantry goods in the bin and make sure the lid is closed tightly. Our next congregational offering will be delivered to **Antrim/Bennington Food Pantry**.