

Nov. 19th 2023  
25th Sunday after Pentecost

11:15 a.m.  
Color: White

Sermon: Christ the King Sunday: Rethinking Royalty  
Rev. Brian Steele

Prelude: "He Reigns"  
-Janet Grossman  
*(The acolyte lights the candle)*

Welcome Amber Flint  
*(Please stand)*  
Invocation  
"Morning has Broken" #145 UMH

Call to Worship (Congregational response in bold)

L: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:  
**P: Where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**  
L: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:  
**P: Where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**  
L: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:  
P: Where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.  
**ALL: Amen.**

Praise and Worship  
"Less Like Me" Overhead

Message In Song  
"Breathe" -Marie Barnett  
*(Soft music played as the choir leaves the choir loft)*

Children's Moment Rev. Brian Steele

Glory be to the Father UMH #70

Scripture: Matthew 25:31-45 CEB

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.  
**People: Praise be to God for his word.**

Offering:  
There are 4 ways you can financially contribute to the church:  
⇒ Give by placing an offering in the collection plate at the front or rear of the sanctuary.  
⇒ Give by texting your offering to **248-617-2121**.  
⇒ Give by clicking on the "Offering" button at **hpfirst.org**.  
⇒ Give by sending a check to the church.

*As we receive the gift of music, let us offer unto God our gifts of tithes and offerings.*

Offertory Hymn  
"The Wonderful Cross" -Isaac Watts and Chris Tomlin  
*Arranged by Carol Tornquist*

*(Please stand)*  
Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow UMH #95

Offertory Prayer Amber Flint

Community Prayer Rev. Brian Steele  
*(Congregation can call out the name of someone in prayer.)*

Ways to Connect Rev. Brian Steele

*(Please stand)*  
Closing Song  
"Knowing You" -Overhead  
*(The acolyte extinguishes the candle)*

The Sending Rev. Brian Steele

### Altar Flower Memorials:

Flowers are usually given in memory of or/and in thanksgiving for loved ones, or to commemorate special occasions in our lives. The cost is \$20 and you may take the flowers home after our service.

Please sign up by contacting Ashley Detoledo at least 2 weeks in advance for your name to appear in the appropriate Sunday bulletin. For more information, contact Ashley Detoledo at 248-546-5955 or hazelparkfirst@wowway.com. Checks may be made payable to Ashley Detoledo.

### Worship

If you are unable to attend church in person, remember that a video of our Sunday service is posted on our church website, hpfirst.org, every week by Monday morning.

We also have a dedicated phone line where you can listen to our Sunday Worship service without the need for computer or internet. All you need to do is call 248-216-1651 to hear our Sunday worship service. Please let others who need to hear God's word proclaimed know about this service.

Please submit any bulletin announcements to the church office by Sunday evening. Leave a voice message at 248-546-5955, put a note in the mailbox on the office door, or send an email to hazelparkfirst@wowway.com. **Thank You!**

The orange candle on the altar is in awareness of the ongoing gun violence in our country.

### **Hearing Assistance Equipment is Available.**

**If you would like to use the equipment, please ask an usher and they will be glad to assist you.**

Brian is available by phone/text at 269-274-0029 or by e-mail, except on Friday's.

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### ***Our Mission Statement***

*To embrace all people with the love of Jesus Christ.*

**Rev. Brian Steele**

*Matt Sarns, Praise Team Director*

*Harriet Hardy, Organist*

*Ashley Detoledo Secretary*



## REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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