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*Our Mission...*

*to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.*

*We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.*

November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Reign of Christ Sunday

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

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*~Joanne Diplock*

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN UPDATE *~Clayton Gording*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

*We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE & LIGHTING of the UKRAINE CANDLE

*May the light of this candle remind us of the light of Christ, which shines on us, around us, within us, and through us.*

**And may the light of this Ukraine Candle help us to be mindful of our Ukrainian sisters and brothers in need.**

*As we light our candles, we remember conflict in so many parts of our world, and we pray for peace.*

CALL to WORSHIP *(VU #824 - Psalm 100)*

*Sung Refrain:*

**Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

*Shout to God, all the earth:*

**worship with gladness and joy.**

*Come before God with laughter,*

**our maker to whom we belong.**

*To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,*

**Let us raise our voices in song.**

*Come to God's gates with thanks;*

**come to God's courts with praise.**

*Praise and bless God's name.*

**'Truly you are good:**

*you are always gracious,*

**and faithful age after age.'** R

## INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

\*OPENING HYMN: VU #345 – "Come, Children, Join to Sing"

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(Bateman)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!  
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!  
Let all with heart and voice,  
saved by God's gracious choice,  
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!**
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!  
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!  
Christ calls his people friends,  
the helpless he defends,  
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!**
- 3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!  
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!  
The whole creation o'er  
let all God's love adore,  
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!**

## OPENING PRAYER

*(Adapted from Paul Fayer; from *Worship for All Seasons II: Year A.*)*

**Loving and life-giving God,  
on this last day of the Christian year,  
we have gathered together in your presence,  
seeking the life now and eternally that comes from you.  
Make our hearts ready, O God,  
to receive Jesus, your Son.  
Help us to wait for your reign,  
and to work in your world with eagerness and joy;  
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

## CONVERSATION TIME

# LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Sven Lindsay*

## **Matthew 25: 31-46**

*'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'*

### Words of Response:

*May God grant us understanding of these words of scripture.*

**Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM:    **"God Lights a Lamp"**

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*~Joanne Diplock*

### SERMON: "Reign of Christ"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### A PRAYER for the REIGN of CHRIST

*(Written by Paul Fayter; found in *Voices United* # 214)*

**Mighty and tender God,  
voice of the voiceless,  
power of the powerless:**

**we praise you for your vision  
of a community of wholeness,  
a realm of peace,  
in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished,  
in which the stranger is welcomed,  
the hurting are healed,  
and the captive set free.  
Guide us by your truth and love,  
until we and all your people  
make manifest your reign of justice and compassion.  
We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king,  
to whom, with you and the Spirit, one Holy God,  
be honour, glory and blessing  
this day and forever. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #213 – "Rejoice the Lord is King" (same tune/alternate words)**

*(Words written by Juanita L. Austin, 2018; from Cup of Wine & A Piece of Bread.)  
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*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1. Rejoice the Lord is King, a most unlikely kind,  
who softens hardened hearts and opens up closed minds.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**
- 2. Behold the servant king, who kneels to lift the weak.  
Forsaking privilege he is the one we seek.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**
- 3. He came to set us free from selfishness and pride,  
break down the walls of hate with love that reaches wide.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**
- 4. Come people of the Earth, with courage let us stand  
and follow such a king in each and every land.  
Lift up your hearts, lift up your voice,  
Rejoice, again I say rejoice!**

**THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS**

**Offertory Music** *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**\*Doxology: VU #541 MV – "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" (Ken)**  
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*~Joanne Diplock*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:**

**Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

(Written by Frances Flook; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018.*)

**Loving and gracious God,  
we offer up these gifts –  
that they may be used to make the world  
more kind, more loving,  
more like the kingdom Christ revealed among us.  
We offer them and we offer our lives  
in service to you, now and always.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever and ever.      Amen.**

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

**\*CLOSING HYMN: #209 MV – "Go Make a Diff'rence"**

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(Angrisano/Tomaszek)

~Joanne Diplock

**Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.  
Go make a diff'rence.  
We can make a diff'rence.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

- 1 We are the salt of the earth,  
called to let the people see  
the love of God for you and me.  
We are the light of the world,  
not to be hidden but be seen.  
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**
- 2 We are the hands of Christ**

**reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.  
We are the spirit of hope;  
we are the voice of peace.  
Go make a difference in the world. R**

**3 So let your love shine on,  
let it shine for all to see.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
And the spirit of Christ  
will be with us as we go.  
Go make a difference in the world. R**

**\*COMMISSIONING**

((Adapted from Sandy Ferguson; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2017*.)

**Let us go out into creation as the people of God,  
willing to love and serve in hope and faith  
in this troubled world.**

**Let us go forth created by God, called by the Spirit,  
and readied to proclaim the Good News of Christ Jesus:  
the kingdom of God not only awaits us,  
but is here in our midst this very day!**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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~Joanne Diplock

**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.  
Keep His love within you,  
until we meet again. Amen.**

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