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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 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
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

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

### WELCOME

OPENING REFRAIN: #92 MV – "Like a Rock"

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*(Wehlander/Good)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**Like a rock, like a rock**

**God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky**

**God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon**

**God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean**

**Our home is in God evermore. X2**

### LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

#### 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 Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

#### INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

#### LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Lilly Miller*

*(Written by Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2016.)*

*As the cycle of the year comes to a close,  
and we get closer to Advent,*

*the nights get longer, and cooler.*  
**The snow begins to fall,  
and clouds seem to blanket the sky.**  
*We look for a light to brighten our day.  
We look for a beacon to lead us on.*  
**With this flame, alight in our hearts,  
we go where Christ's light shines!**  
*Alleluia!*  
**Alleluia, amen!**

### LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*And as we light this candle, we pray for peace:*  
**peace in our hearts,  
peace in our homes,  
peace in our world.**  
*As we celebrate the reign of Jesus Christ,  
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.*

### SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

***Peace be with you.  
And also with you.***

### PEACE PATTERN      *(As we shift from sharing the peace to continuing in worship)*

### CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Revelation 1:4b-8)

*(Adapted from Susan McAllister; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)*

*Grace to you and peace from the One who is, and who was, and who is to come.*  
**Grace to you and the peace of Jesus Christ,  
the faithful witness and bearer of truth.**

*Let us lift our voices in praise and thanksgiving,  
for the end is no longer the end, but the beginning.*

*Let us shout our alleluias,  
so we may renew our world with the vision of peace and justice  
that God would have us live.*

*God is the Alpha and the Omega, our Lord, our God,  
the one who is, and who was, and who is to come.*  
**Alleluia!**

### \*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 Fayter; 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.**

**CONVERSATION TIME**

- ALF Youth Retreat
- Travelling Youth Group
- Christmas Cheer Board Hampers

**LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD**

**Scripture Reader:** *Sven Lindsay*

**John 18: 33-37**

*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.'*

## Revelation 1: 4b-8

*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 for ever 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.*

### Words after Scripture:

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

**Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM: "Who Could It Be?"

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*~Joanne Diplock*

### SERMON: "The Reign of Christ"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #213 – "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

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*(Austin/Darwall)*

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

*~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!**

## INVITATION to the OFFERING

(Written by Frances Flook; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2016.*)

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

\*Offertory Hymn: VU #541 – **"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

(Adapted from Rod Sykes; from *Worship for All Seasons II: Year B.*)

...*Your kingdom come, O Christ.*

**Come, Lord Jesus, come!**

## 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: VU #635 – **"All the Way My Saviour Leads me"**

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(Crosby/Lowry)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 All the way my Saviour leads me;**

**what have I to ask beside?  
Can I doubt his tender mercy  
who through life has been my guide?  
Heavenly peace, divinest comfort,  
here by faith in him to dwell,  
for I know, whate'er befall me,  
Jesus doeth all things well.**

**2 All the way my Saviour leads me,  
cheers each winding path I tread,  
gives me grace for every trial,  
feeds me with the living bread.  
Though my weary steps may falter,  
and my soul athirst may be,  
gushing from the rock before me,  
lo, a spring of joy I see!**

**3 All the way my Saviour leads me;  
O the fullness of his love!  
Perfect rest to me is promised  
in my Father's house above.  
When my spirit, clothed, immortal,  
wings its flight to realms of day,  
this my song through endless ages,  
'Jesus led me all the way!'**

**\*COMMISSIONING** (Adapted from Fern Gibbard; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2020*.)

**Let us go out in Jesus' name with ready hands  
to bring God's kingdom into this world.  
Let us go out to bring love and justice  
into a world of hurt and pain,  
knowing that God is with us always. Amen.**

**\*BLESSING**

(Found on *Literature & Liturgy* online.)

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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(Price/Besig)

~Joanne Diplock

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

**POSTLUDE: "Majesty"**

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(Hayford)

~Joanne Diplock