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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 22nd, 2026
Reign of Christ
Christ the King Sunday

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

We Gather to Worship God

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Welcome & Introduction to the Service

Call to Worship *VU #824 - Psalm 100*

Sung Refrain: (Sung 2X)
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.'

Sung Refrain: (Sung 2X)
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Acknowledgement of the Land

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Anisininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene 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.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Gay Todd*

(Written by Scott Martin, with inspiration from *Godly Play*; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

There once was a wonderful man
who did wonderful things
and they said, "He is the light of the world."
In his light, the light of Christ, we gather.

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

We also light a second candle, this one for peace,
and as we do, we pray for peace:
peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.
As we celebrate and anticipate the reign of Christ –
the reign of Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
O God, we pray for peace. Amen.

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

*OPENING HYMN: *VU #339* – ***"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*** (Bridges/Barnby)

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1 When morning gilds the skies,
my heart awakening cries:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
When evening shadows fall,
this rings my curfew call:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

2 To God, the Word on high,
the hosts of angels cry:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let mortals, too, upraise
their voice in hymns of praise:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

3 Let all of humankind
in this their concord find:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Let all the earth around
ring joyous with the sound:

may Jesus Christ be praised!

4 Be this, while life is mine,
my canticle divine:
may Jesus Christ be praised!
Be this th'eternal song,
through all the ages long:
may Jesus Christ be praised!

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 church 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

*HYMN: *VU #345 – **"Come, Children, Join to Sing"*** (Bateman)

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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!

~Children, Youth & their Leaders are invited to head downstairs
for Kid Konnection (Sunday School) and Youth Group~

We Listen for and Reflect on God's Word

Scripture Reading: *read by Carol Billan*

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 who 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 brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who 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."

Response to Scripture:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***"Majesty"***

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SERMON: "The Reign of Christ"

~Rev. Susan Reed

We Respond to God in Prayer and Action

INTRO to STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: *#191 MV –* ***"What Can I Do?"*** *(sung 1X)* (Rumbolt)

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What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS "Personal Testimonial: Why I Give" *~Rev. Brenda Gibson*

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP *~Clayton Gording*

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

BLESSING of the PRAYER SHAWLS

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 Verse: VU#540 ***"Grant Us, God, the Grace"*** (anonymous)
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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

*Offering Prayer (Adapted from the *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum 2009-2010.)

Alive to the hope that is within us,
and inspired by the vision of the reigning Christ,
we bring these gifts and offer our lives.
Use them, O God, as you continue to use us
in the generous sharing of your mercy and love.
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.

We Are Sent into God's World

*Closing Hymn: *#209 MV* – **"Go, Make A Difference"** (Angrisano/Tomaszek)

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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 diff'rence in the world. R

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

*Closing Prayer (Written by Paul Fayter; from *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.

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (Price/Besig)

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

POSTLUDE

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