

**Lakeview United Church**  
**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Order of Worship**  
November 21, 2021

\* We invite you to stand as you are able

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

One: Come to the Presence that embraces and empowers.

**All: We come to God as we are, seeking and trusting.**

One: Come to the One in whom Compassion abounds.

**All: We desire to sense God's outpouring of love.**

One: Come and listen to the voice of Truth.

**All: We come longing for the Word of Life and renewal.**

One: So let us worship the One who is worthy!

**All: We yield to the process of being made in the image of God.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH**

God of all ages and of the here and now, give a sense of your presence that moves us from our emptiness or obsessions towards what is full of life and meaning. We come to you because you have not only shown interest in us and the world, but you are showing us signs of your Reign of love and grace in the making. You have called us to be church to constantly experience your love afresh and to embody it in our daily living. Touch our spirits during our worship that we may be nourished and equipped. Amen

\* **HYMN 330 Voices United "Jesus Shall Reign"**

**PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION**

O God, when many paths are before us, it is too hard to find the path that is liberating and fulfilling. When we tend to wander, you shine the Light of Life brighter to get our attention. When we tend to get settled with the routine and the mundane, you awaken our spirits to seek the Wisdom that reunites us with your Spirit. Work on us, O God, that we would be made whole again, that our broken and wounded spirits may be healed, and that the defensive and selfish walls we have created may be replaced with well-springs of gracious acts. May we readily access your enabling power and be moved towards serving others. Amen.

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

One: God is here not as a King that lords over us, but as one whose love overflows.

**All: God doesn't distinguish us in terms of loyal and disloyal, or worthy and unworthy.**

One: Jesus assures us that God is among us not to rule over us but to serve us.

**All: God touches us where we are hurting, and reconciles us one with the other.**

\* HYMN “356 Voices United, Seek Ye First”

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Revelation 1:4b-8

John 18:33-37

One: May the words heard and what the Spirit inspires be a blessing.

All: Thanks be to God!

### MUSIC FOR REFLECTION “Forever”

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\* HYMN 154 More Voices “Deep in our Hearts”

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

### OFFERING MUSIC 182 More Voices “Grateful” (Refrain, X 2)

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

\* HYMN 171 More Voices, “Christ Has No Body but Yours”

### \* COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

Let us go forth with God’s blessing to live out our calling  
as disciples who never stop learning and serving.

May the love of Christ inspire us to journey in faith and hope.

May the Holy Spirit renew us and the world.

\* BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lord, Send Out Your Spirit”

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### POSTLUDE