

# Saint Andrew's United Church

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*We are called to be the united church. Mission is our home. We foster belonging; provide spiritual accompaniment; and ask the deep questions*

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**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

## **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

++ Please rise in body or spirit  
MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United;  
TLUS = Then Let Us Sing

### **PRELUDE**

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **GREETING:**

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:**

*We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.*

### **CANDLE LIGHTING**

### **WE WELCOME EACH OTHER:**

Siblings in Christ,  
Let us gather in the presence of the One who knows us  
because she has become us.

**Let us worship the One who is before all things;  
who is after all things;  
who enfolds all things in love, justice, and mercy.**

### **WE CENTRE IN GOD:**

We praise you and thank you, transforming and reassuring God,  
**in whom exist all things!**

Creator God, who birthed this marvellous earth on which we live,  
**you exist in all things!**

Holy Spirit, who breathed over the waters of creation to give it life,  
**you exist in all things!**

Child of God, Firstborn of Creation, through you, God became  
visible and lived among us.

**You exist in all things, the visible and the invisible!**

On this Reign of Christ Sunday, we acknowledge that Christ's  
realm of hope and love dwells in each of us.

**Transforming God, embolden us with an urgency to  
further Christ's kin-dom in all communities, far and  
wide.**

We thank you, Holy One, that you have made us fit to live and  
serve in the Beloved Son's kin-dom. Let our aimless wanderings be  
things of the past.

**All grace and peace and mercy exist in you, Gracious  
God, for ever and ever! Amen.**

Written by Anne Matheson, [gatheringworship.ca](http://gatheringworship.ca).

++**HYMN:** CP 465 – "Here in This Place New Light is  
Streaming"

### **WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:**

Holy God, God of life in all its facets, we are grateful to you for helping  
us make it to this place safely. We find in this church home a refuge, a  
reliable rock upon which we build your community, a community in  
which we can live the reign of Christ, a family of people who care about  
us, care for us, and care with us.

**Our community is also a place  
where we share our hurts, mistakes, pains, and errors  
so that they can be forgiven and relieved  
and we can be refreshed.**

We seek the courage to engage the world that has not always understood  
your message.

**We seek the strength to muddle through the challenges we  
encounter. We seek your presence this morning and always.**

*[Silent Prayer]*

**AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:**

Jesus spoke to the disciples of the challenges that they were going to encounter. He knew just how much the world was going to change and how difficult it would be for them to hold on to their faith and to give up some things they cherished.

**Despite the challenges we encounter today in living our faith, God forgives us when we go astray.**

God loves us all deeply and unflinchingly.

**God calls us to support and encourage one another as we live the reign of Christ as a community. Praise be to God!**

Written by Éric Hébert-Daly, gatheringworship.ca.

**WE RESPOND:** MV 156 – “Dance With the Spirit”

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

**TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART**

**SCRIPTURE:** Reader: Nancy Mawson

Jeremiah 23:1-6

VU 901 – Luke 1:68-79

Colossians 1:11-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**++HYMN:** MV 1 – “Let Us Build a House”

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE**

**AFFIRMING OUR FAITH:** A New Creed

**PASSING THE PEACE:**

The peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER** TLUS 70 *[Sung]*

**MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES**

**INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:**

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

**++OFFERTORY:** VU 542 – “We Give You But Your Own”

We give you but your own,

whate’er the gift may be.

All that we have is yours alone;

we give it gratefully.

*The offering is brought forward.*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

We thank you now for your gifts, God.

**We thank you for time, for talent, for treasure -  
all that enables us to live and to serve you.**

But most of all, we thank you for wonder:

the sense of awe that connects us

to the depth and width of your creation,

the sweep of your grand vision for us.

**Caught up in wonder, singing your story,  
we offer our selves to you.**

**++HYMN:** TLUS 126 – “The World God Imagines”

**WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD**

**++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION**

**EXTROIT:** MV 221 - “We Are Walking a Path of Peace”

**END OF WORSHIP**

**BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY**



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