Stettler United Church

Date: November 22,2026
Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Linda Kneeland
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie and/or Nora Nixon
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Response: And also with you.

Welcome Back & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

Acknowledgement of Territory
ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.
Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship
Let us celebrate this day.
Christ reigns!
This is a day to declare:
Christ reigns!
In the light of Christ, the powers of the world are shown false.
Christ reigns!

In the light of Christ, even death holds no sway.
Christ reigns!
Christ reigns!
Hallelujah! Christ reigns!
Karen Coogan, *Oasis U.C., Penticton, B.C.*

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a symbol of our commitment to follow in the way of Jesus.
Christine LeBlanc, East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont.

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet VU #245

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Opening Prayer

Until the day of your coming, O Lord,
we will praise your Holy Name.
Until the day you wipe all our tears away, O Lord,
we will praise your Holy Name.
Until the day when death, grief, crying, and pain will be no more, O Lord,
we will praise your Holy Name.
Until the day when you return to shepherd your people, O Lord,
we will praise your Holy Name.
And on that day when you live among your people once again, O Lord,
we will kneel in awe and wonder.
Judy Sears, *Willowgrove U.C., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.*

Prayer of Confession

Creating God, how many times have we forgotten that we are part of the Reign of Christ? We have told ourselves things that diminished our worth and value. We have forgotten that all people are part of the Reign of Christ. We have treated others in ways that diminished their worth and value. We are sorry about

how we have treated ourselves and others. We offer to you the confessions of our hearts:
(*a time of silent confession*)

Words of Assurance

The Reign of Christ is more about God including us in the Reign of Christ than it is about how we treat ourselves and others. We are forgiven and freed to join again in bringing God's realm to earth. Amen.

Gary Simpson, *McDougall U.C., Edmonton, Alta.*

Hymn: Psalm 100 Make a Joyful Noise #820 VU

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Prayer of Illumination

May the readings today shed light on a shadowed world yearning for hope. May we be blessed in the receiving of these words of comfort and hope. Amen.

Sharon Winegarden, Lion's Head Pike Bay P.C. Lion's Head, Ont.

Scripture Readings:

- Ezekiel 34: 11-16 20-24
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- Matthew 25: 31-46

Message

*Hymn ~ Open my Eye VU #371

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Invitation for Offering

The Good News is that we were known and loved by the Creator long before our earthy life began. Unfortunately, this good news of divine, unconditional love has not been experienced by many in our community and throughout the world. Sometimes making

Good News happen requires intentional work, and so each week, we ask you to offer what you can so the kin-dom will come again.
Jim McKean, *Orillia, Ont.*

*Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541

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Offering Prayer

Sometimes our offerings seem so small compared to the needs of the world.
As a spark can roar into flame, we trust in your power to do more with them than we can ask or imagine. Amen.
Karen Boivin, *Melville U.C., Fergus, Ont.*

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Closing Hymn ~ Be though my Vision VU 642

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*Commissioning and Benediction

May the blessings of the One who offers a strong foundation undergird all that we do.
May God guide our path wherever we go.

May we be given the courage to choose the harder ways of faith when we are tempted to take the smooth and easy ways.
May we discover in our choices the way of true life.
Let us go forth with the blessings of God supporting and grounding our lives.
Beth W Johnston, *Collaborative Ministry, River Philip and Springhill, N.S.*

*Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967

Postlude