

Sharing our Gifts – Offering

*Offertory VU 541

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.

Prayers of the People - Dana Murphy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion (see insert)

*Hymn: VU# 356 - Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God

*Sending Forth

Go to proclaim the reign of Christ's love,
**the reign of hope over despair, the reign of compassion over
indifference, the reign of redemption over brokenness.**

For Christ is at work in and through you,
until all shall sing of creation made new.

Go with the blessing of the God who creates and re-creates,
the Christ who reconciles and brings life and joy,
and the Spirit who guides and encourages. **Amen**

*Choral Benediction

**As our path wanders onward to the rising of the sun, may the wind
that moves among us, help us travel through all harm, 'til the
evening of life shines forth into dawn, may God be with us as we go,
as we go, in peace. (© 1990 Ralph Johnston)**

Postlude

Worship Leadership Team

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Worship at St. Andrew's Reign of Christ Sunday



The image is of the stained glass window in the chapel.

It depicts Christ reigning over all creation.

Sunday, November 20, 2022

*World Children's Day - Inclusion for Every Child
Transgender Day of Remembrance*

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Sunday, November 20, 2022 – Reign of Christ Sunday

(* stand as you are able)

The Church gathers - we come together as people of the Spirit

Words of Welcome

Recognition of Traditional Territory

Lighting of Christ / Community Candle

Call to Worship:

Come in worship and adoration of the One
whose reign brings a new beginning, a new creation.

Who is this One who reigns above all others?

This One is known by many names, The Christ, Jesus of Nazareth,
Emmanuel, Perfect Love, the Resurrected One, First Born of all
Creation.

How shall we know the One who reigns?

The reign of Christ is both known and yet to be seen -
wherever love overcomes hatred; peace pushes back conflict;
justice prevails against oppression; life conquers death, the reign of
love is met.

Let us know this Christ, and let Christ's reign rule in our hearts.

All worship, praise and honour unto Christ!

***Hymn: VU# 213** Rejoice, the Lord is King!

Prayer of Approach/Confession

Christ, we speak of your reign, yet we shrink from its cost.

**Your arms stretch out across the broken world in reconciliation and
blessing. Your authority arises from unspeakable love; a love that
welcomes and blesses children; a love that embraces those who do
not know how to embrace themselves.**

**Forgive us when we fail to live such love for each other, for the
stranger, for creation. Challenge us, O Holy One, to speak out for
those who are silenced, to stand with those who are bullied, and to
go with those who face danger. Come reign in our hearts. Come
move us to serve as agents of your Gospel reign. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon:

In and through Christ we have been reconciled to God. Through the
One who reigns in love, we have been forgiven and called into the reign
of a world made new. **Thanks be to God!**

Lord's Prayer A Paraphrase (Voices United #916):

**Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and what shall be.**

**Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:
the hallowing of your name echo through the universe!**

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

**Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and
come on earth. With the bread we need for today, feed us.**

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

**From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is
evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now
and for ever. Amen.**

the Story - we listen for the wisdom of God's spirit

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1: 11- 20 **Reader:** Marilee O'Neil

These words are offered as wisdom for our journey.

Let us walk together in their truth.

Reflection: *The End Game*

Music for Reflection: Julian of Norwich

To Be the Story - we respond with spirit-filled faith and service

Growing in Awareness Moment –

Transgender Day of Remembrance & Inclusion for Every Child

***Hymn: MV #157** I am a Child of God