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Sunday, November 24, 2024 at 10 am

Reign of Christ Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land:

As we gather, we acknowledge that we meet and live on the traditional territories of the Mississauga Anishinaabe People. We give thanks for their care for the land over thousands of years and for their deep spirituality and honouring of the Creator and the creation. May we live with respect in God's creation and in harmony with our neighbours.

Music as We Centre

Lighting the Christ Candle: Honouring the Reign of the Holy

Please stand for the Opening Hymn

Opening Hymn: VU240 "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!

- 2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!

- 3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.
- 5 Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace! < >

Life, and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: We are called to celebrate the Reign of the Holy.

All: Called to praise.

One: We are called to acknowledge that Reign as present now.

All: Called to faith-filled living.

One: Let us worship!

All: Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The promise of our faith is that we are always surrounded by the love and peace of the Holy.

All: Through reflection, transformation, and action, we can live faithfully and authentically as children of the Holy.

First Lesson: 2 Samuel 23:1-7

Jaymes Winch

23:1 Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse,
the oracle of the man whom God exalted,
the anointed of the God of Jacob,
the favourite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the Lord speaks through me,
his word is upon my tongue.

³ The God of Israel has spoken,
the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly,
ruling in the fear of God,

⁴ is like the light of morning,
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵ Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant,
ordered in all things and secure.

Will he not cause to prosper
all my help and my desire?

⁶ But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;
for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar
or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

Psalm Selection: VU854-55 (from Psalm 132)

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Refrain

Scott's Psalter 165

A - rise, O God, make this the place where -
in your name shall dwell.

Part One (1-12)

One O God, remember David and all the hardships he endured,

**All how he swore an oath to you,
a promise to the Mighty One of Jacob.**

One 'I will not enter my house, nor will I climb into my bed,
I will not give sleep to my eyes, not even let my eyelids
droop

**All until I find a place for God,
a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob.' R**

One At Ephrathah we heard God's ark was there;
we found it in the region of Jaar.

**All 'Let us approach the place where the Most High rests,
let us kneel in worship at God's footstool.'**

One Arise, O God, and enter your resting-place,
you and your mighty ark.

**All Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people shout for joy. R**

One For your servant David's sake, do not reject your Anointed.

**All You made a sure promise to David,
a promise that will never be revoked:**

One 'One of your own children I will set upon your throne.

**All And if they in turn keep my covenant,
the teaching that I give them,
their descendants too shall sit on your throne
in succession for ever.' R**

Part Two (13-18)

One God has chosen Zion, God desired it for a home:

**All 'Here I will rest for ever;
here I will dwell, for it is my delight. R**

One I will bless the city with abundant food,
and satisfy its poor with bread.

**All I will clothe its priests with salvation;
its faithful people will rejoice and sing.**

One There I will make a branch sprout for David;
I will prepare a lamp for my Anointed.

**All His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on his head the crown will sparkle.' R**

Hymn: VU273

“The King of Love”

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his
and he is mine forever.

- 2 Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth.

- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed;
but yet in love he sought me,
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home rejoicing brought me.

- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

- 6 And so through all the length of days
thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever! < >

Young at Heart Time:

“Castle Talk”

Gospel Lesson: John 18:33-37

Jaymes Winch

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’ ³⁴ Jesus answered, ‘Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?’ ³⁵ Pilate replied, ‘I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?’ ³⁶ Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.’ ³⁷ Pilate asked him, ‘So you are a

king?’ Jesus answered, ‘You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.’

Responses

Reader: As we listen to the words from our scripture...

All: may we hear the stories from our faith history that inspire us to embrace the promise and new life shared with us by the Spirit of the Holy.

Reader: In the name of Jesus, the Christ...

All: Amen.

Meditation:

“Reign”

Music for Meditation

Please stand for the New Creed

The New Creed

One: Let us join together in a statement of our communal faith...

**All: We are not alone,
we live in God’s world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God’s presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

We Receive the Offering

Doxology: VU541 "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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 < >

Dedication of Our Gifts

Affirm Minute "Living Authentically" *John Taylor*

Hymn: VU213 "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

1 Rejoice the Lord is King!
Your risen Lord adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing
and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above. R

3 God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given. R

4 Rejoice in glorious hope,
for Christ, the judge, shall come
to glorify the saints
for their eternal home.
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice! < >

Prayers of the People and Jesus Prayer

Please stand for the Closing Hymn

Closing Hymn: VU330 "Jesus Shall Reign"

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

- 2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.
- 3 Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
and prisoners leap to lose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.
- 4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud Amen! < >

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: Let us go from this place with hope and celebration.

All: We go in joy.

One: Let us go from this place living the Love of the Holy.

All: We go in faith.

One: Let us go from this place sharing the Peace of the Holy.

All: We go in anticipation.

One: We go in peace.

All: Peace be with us! Amen!

Sung Blessing:

“Go Now in Peace”

Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will be with you each hour of everyday.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching you with love;
Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen. < >

Music as the Worship Service Concludes

Regional Council Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our
mission in the world for the week of November 24, 2024

Mark Street United Church, Peterborough

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS WEEK'S VOLUNTEERS for Nov 24

Duty	Jaymes Winch
Elevator	Paula Winch
Greeters	Jaymes Winch Jane & Don Bullock
Scripture Reader	Jaymes Winch
Congregational Elder	Mary Hess Northey
Affirm Minute	John Taylor
Sunday School Coordinator	Maggie Crawford
Nursery Coordinator	Gale Osmond
Sound	Al Bartholomew
Video	Nelson Pickett
Videographer	Lynn Bartholomew
Coffee Fellowship	Affirming Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOOD BANK SUNDAY- is held on the 2nd Sunday of each month. We invite you to bring items to support Kawartha Food Share. Boxes are located in Upper Wright Hall and back foyer [*exit to parking lot*]. If you wish to make a cash donation instead, there is a line provided on the offering envelopes. ***Please make cheques payable to: "Northminster United Church"***. This can be placed on the offering plate.

Next date: December 8th . We also accept Interac NUC Treasurer: treasurernuc@gmail.com

OUR NURSERY FOR OUR YOUNGEST CHILDREN is along the main corridor across from the kitchen.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ... please contact Michele in the office to let her know you require offering envelopes. Email: info@northminsteruc.ca or Tel. # 705-748-4881.

NAME TAGS: If you need a name tag, please contact the office. I would be happy to make you one. Also stick on name tags are available, located on the table at the back of the church and on table at west entrance into Sanctuary.

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS If you are not on our weekly email list and would like to be, please let us know by sending us an email to: info@northminsteruc.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT DEADLINE FOR THE BULLETIN is Wednesday mornings. If you have an announcement you want placed in the bulletin, please “email” your submission to info@northminsteruc.ca

PASTORAL CARE: If you know someone that is in the hospital that we should know about, please call the office and let us know. The hospital does not notify us & there is no longer access to a church list. If calling the church after hours, please leave a message 705-748-4881.

Please keep in mind, we all need to take care of each other.

BIBLE STUDY- SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS will be held on Tuesday, December 3rd at 1 pm (following Meals to Go luncheon) & 7 pm. Please indicated your interest on sign up sheet located in hallway on bulletin board beside Kevin’s office.

The Sanctuary is going to be decorated on Thursday, November 28th. At this time the “**Mitten Tree**” will be put up awaiting to be decorated with mitten, scarves, hats, underwear & socks. All items will be donated to those in need. Please consider making a donation to our tree and help make someone’s Christmas a bit brighter....

Donations can be made throughout Advent.



Decorate Our Mitten Tree

Michele will be away from the office, the week of Monday, November 25th to Friday, November 29th.