



Sunset United Church

November 21, 2021

Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday
Guest Worship Leader: Karen Cartmell



*Sunset United, located on Treaty 4 Territory,
is an Affirming community of faith. All are welcome here.*

WE GATHER

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Territory Acknowledgment

Centering Music

Call to Community¹

God's reign is coming!

God's reign is here!

We live God's reign -

Guided by Christ,

The king of our hearts,

The king of our souls,

The king of our lives.

We live God's reign -

Filled by the Spirit,

Serving in love,

Celebrating life,

Worshipping God!

Gathering Hymn VU#213 Rejoice, the Lord Is King²

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!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our sins,
he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail;
Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:
rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

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!

Opening Prayer³

Blessed are you, Jesus, source of life and blessing.
You have walked with people in their troubles and joys,
You have offered people comfort and celebration.

You have acted in radical ways, in order to do what is right.

Blessed are you, Jesus, whom we know by many names -
We know you are the mourning sovereign, the suffering
servant, the bread of life, and the light of the world.
It is in all the realities of life that we turn to you.
Blessing and glory are yours. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle and Affirming Candle

Contemporary Reading *Song for a Crucified King*
by Andrew King

Prayer for Grace⁴

Long ago, our Christian ancestors
Borrowed the language of kingship
To help them speak of the new reality they experience in Jesus,
Triumphant over oppression and death.

But often they confused Jesus with other kinds of lords
and used his name to sanction the very opposite of things
for which he lived and die and rose again.

We, too, are often confused, God.
We are sometimes more concerned
with having Jesus on our side, than with loving as he loved.
We look for him in stained glass and hymn books,
but do not see him in the faces of our neighbours.

Merciful God forgive us.
Help us follow in the Way of Jesus
and live for the day when love and justice embrace,
and the beauty of the true Christ shines for all. Amen.

Sharing the Story

Hymn MV#171 Christ Has No Body Now but Yours⁵
(vs. 1, 2 & 3)

Refrain Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.

No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.

Refrain

No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.

Refrain

No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.

WE LISTEN

Scripture I Samuel 10:17-25

Special Music for Reflection

Reflection Christ the King

Hymn MV#174 Soil of God, You and I⁶

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
part of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is Holy ground.

Our Offerings are Blessed

Dedication and Blessing

Offering Music VU#537 Your Work, O God,
Needs Many Hands⁷

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayers of the Community and The Lord's Prayer

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;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn VU#211 Crown Him with Many Crowns⁸
(vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing who died and rose on high,
who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

Benediction and Commissioning

And now into God's world we go -

Let us go out into creation as the people of God,
Willing to love and serve in hope and faith in these
uncertain times.

Let us go forth into the world, called by the Spirit,
ready to share the Good News of Christ Jesus.

Let us go out into God's world,
knowing that the kingdom of God not only awaits us, but
is here in our midst right now.

Let us go forth, showing compassion to those we meet,
God calls us to notice and to work alongside those who
have been persecuted for their beliefs.

As we go from this time of worship, may we be inspired to
live as God calls us to live. May we go knowing that God
goes with us each and every day.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response MV#218 May the Love of the Lord⁹

May the love of the Lord rest upon your soul.

May God's love dwell in you, throughout every day.

May God's countenance shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May God's Spirit be upon you as you leave this place.

Postlude



Minister: Rev. Tricia Gerhard (she/her)

Children & Youth Minister: Michelle McConkey (she/her)

Choir Director: Corinne Groff (she/her)

Pianist: Shirley Hill (she/her)



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