

Season After Pentecost - Reign of Christ Sunday



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What is your favourite spiritual practice?

Gathering Song: Gather In

Gather in create community
where we unite with our diversity.
Gather in we will live out the call
for acceptance and justice as we welcome all.

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin, We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

This week, as exam season approaches, we give thanks for the Elders who are present on campuses around Ontario. They provide cultural and spiritual support for many students and staff.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

We are at a doorway that leads into a new way of being church.

At this doorway we are not alone: God has invited us to gather courage from the great cloud of witnesses before us,

as we remember what was...

(Have a moment of silence to reflect on your past as a community with the wider church. Who has been with you? What are the key moments in your history with various courts of the church?)

Christ has challenged us to accept his radical call to discipleship,

as we acknowledge what is...

(Have a moment of silence to reflect on your current relationship with the wider church and how together you live out or into your calling.)

The Spirit has led us to be Christ's Church,

as we imagine what will be...

(Have a moment of silence to reflect on what you hope your future relationship with the wider church will be like.)

At this doorway:

We take courage in the assurance that God is with us; we affirm our call to go where Christ leads; and we trust the Spirit to guide us through the challenging space between what was, what is, and what will be.

Surely, we are not alone.

Therefore, filled with God's love, let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Carolyn Hendry

Lighting of Christ Candle

• **Prayer:** As we light this Christ Candle, may it be a reminder,
that Christ is us and in our world.

• **Sung Response: May I Share**

May I share God's peace with you?
That His love may see us through
all the joys and trials of a life in his care.
May I share what I know to be true?
May I share God's peace with you

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: Come With Me by Holly M. McGhee

Song of Praise: VU#345 Come Children, Join to Sing

Listening

Scripture: **Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14** **Reader:** Fran Hill

Sermon: Deep Spirituality

Song for Reflection: MV#10 Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader: Carolyn Hendry**

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#330 Jesus Shall Reign

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Amen

Postlude