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Reign of Christ Sunday

Music as We Gather

Welcome, Celebrations, Life and Work of the Community

Call to Worship:

One: Called to experience the reign of the Holy.

All: How will we know the reign of the Holy is here?

One: The Reign of the Holy arrives when our eyes, ears, arms, hearts and doors are opened to our sisters and brothers found at the margins of society. When our voices raise the voices of the voiceless to be heard, the Reign of the Holy will be upon us. Let us worship together.

All: Let us worship. Amen

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn: VU122

All Glory, Laud and Honour

Opening Prayer

Words of Assurance:

One: The Holy reminds us that when we acknowledge the areas of ourselves and community that need growth and re-birth we are on the pathway to new life.

All: We are blessed. We are forgiven. We are loved.

First Lesson:

Ephesians 1:15-23

Paul's Prayer

^{1:15} I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love^[a] toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^[b] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Young at Heart Time:

"Right Before Your Eyes"

Psalm Selection: VU824 (No Sung Responses)

Psalm 100

One: Enter God's gates with thanks and praise.

All: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

One: Shout to God, all the earth:

All: worship with gladness and joy.

One: Come before God with laughter,
All: our maker to whom we belong.

One: To the Shepherd who tends us like sheep,
All: let us raise our voices in song.

One: Enter God's gates with thanks and praise.
All: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

One: Come to God's gates with thanks;
All: come to God's courts with praise.

One: Praise and bless God's name.
All: "Truly you are good:

One: you are always gracious,
All: and faithful age after age."

One: Enter God's gates with thanks and praise.
All: Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Gospel Lesson:

Matthew 25:31-46

The Judgment of the Nations

^{25:31} "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, ^[a] you did it to me.' ⁴¹ Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³ I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' ⁴⁴ Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵ Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' ⁴⁶ And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Kevin: As the Holy One speaks to us from the stories of our faith history, may we find hope, inspiration, and peace as they speak to us in this time and place.

All: Let us use the hope, inspiration, and peace of those stories to transform our lives and the communities in which we live.

Kevin: In the name of the one called, Jesus.

All: Amen.

Hymn: VU681

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

Meditation:

"Reign of the Holy"

The New Creed:

One: Let's share together in the New Creed:

**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.

Invitation to Offer Our Gifts: (The Offering plates are found at the doors into the sanctuary, please place your Offering on the plate as you exit)

Dedication of Our Gifts

An Affirm Minute:

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

Closing Hymn: VU330

Jesus Shall Reign

Blessing as We Go Forth:

One: As our time together comes to an end...

All: ...the presence of the Holy stirs us to live faithfully and love openly!

One: May we share that presence as we go about the rest of our week.

All: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!

Music as We Depart

Please remain seated until a Greeter comes and indicates that it is your turn to leave the sanctuary. Please proceed directly to the exit. If you require the lift, please, remain seated and a Greeter will let you know when the correct time is to proceed directly to the lift.

To allow for smooth exiting of the building please refrain from gathering in the hallways and entryways and maintain social distancing at all times, even in the parking lot.

Prayer Cycle

As church, we are called to pray for each other and for our mission in the world.

Regional Council Prayer Cycle
for the week of November 22nd, 2020

Greenwood United Church, Peterborough
Greenwood Pastoral Charge

[East Central Ontario Regional Council]

THANK YOU TO THIS SUNDAY'S VOLUNTEERS

Duty	<i>Al Renwick</i>
Elevator Operators	<i>Dave Sherwin, Carrie Varga</i>
Ushers/Greeters	<i>Karen Strano, Marg Renwick</i>
Registration	<i>Bev Sherwin</i>
Scripture Reader	<i>Carrie Varga</i>
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You must register EACH week to ensure a seat.

Just a friendly reminder that we all need to be very diligent in making sure everyone uses hand sanitizer upon entering the building and keeping a social distance of 6'. There is to be no physical contact. MASKS MUST BE WORN PROPERLY, covering the nose, mouth and chin. Visors are not acceptable and scarves “do not count”. Stay home if you are feeling sick. If you see anyone not complying to the COVID-19 protocols we ask that you would kindly remind them. We need to keep everyone safe!

