

Welcome to the worship service of
St. Andrew's United Church, Chalk River, Ontario
on this
Reign of Christ Sunday
Nov. 22, 2020

Kindly enter this time centering on God, prepare to meet God.
The musical prelude is to assist you in this quiet meditative time.

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

MUSICAL PRELUDE

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory: For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We meet on the traditional territory of the Algonquin and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties.

INTROIT: "Rejoice the Lord is King" VU 213 (1 Verse)

SCRIPTURAL GREETING/WELCOME

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP/GATHERING HYMN: Psalm 100 VU 820

THOUGHT FOR TODAY: What prophetic voice from the Bible or beyond, inspires and challenges you most?

OPENING PRAYER/PRAYER OF CONFESSION: VU 214

Mighty and tender God, voice of the voiceless, power of the powerless: we praise you for your vision of a community of wholeness, a realm of peace, in which all who hunger and thirst are nourished, in which the stranger is welcomed, the hurting are healed, and the captive set free. Guide us by your truth and love, until we and all your people make manifest your reign of justice and compassion. We pray in the name of your anointed one, our servant-king, to whom with you and the Spirit, one Holy God, be honor, glory and blessing this day and forever. Amen

ASSURANCE:

MINUTE FOR MISSIONS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

Hebrew Scriptures: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

MESSAGE: Sheep and Shepherds and Self-Critical Thinking

HYMN: "Let Us Build a House" MV 1

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CONGREGATION

OFFERING OF TIME, TALENTS AND MONEY: God of steadfast love, receive the expressions of our thanks for the glorious inheritance entrusted to us. We enlist ourselves and our resources toward the realization of your kingdom for all humanity. May we become more and more a source of hope for each other and all we meet. Amen.

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying" VU 400

PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD'S PRAYER:

CLOSING HYMN: "The King of Love" VU 273

BLESSING/SENDING

Three-fold Amen

"Go Now in Peace" VU 964

