

Reign of Christ Sunday

November 23rd 2025

St. Andrew's United Church

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*Those who are able, please stand as marked

The St. Andrew's family warmly welcomes all visitors and newcomers!

If you are worshiping with us for the first time, please sign our Guest Book in the Narthex and join us for coffee and snacks after service.

Musical Prelude

Announcements

WELCOME TO OUR SERVICE

*Lighting of the Christ Candle

Together we sing –

Jesus Comes to Me

Jesus comes to me as a winter tree,

And I receive him as a winter tree.

Gentle the Cross and gentle the snow, Gentle the path where He and I go,

Carrying the buds of spring.

*Share the Peace of Christ

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Say among the nation, the Lord reigns.

C:Let the heavens be glad and the earth rejoice!

L: God comes to judge the earth.

C: God will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with truth.

L:Come, let us worship God in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

C:Blessing and honour, glory and power be to our God now and always.

L: Come and worship in the Holy Spirit all you lands.

C: We come in humble gratitude before our Lord and Maker who is our life source.

*Opening Hymn: VU 211 – Crown Him with Many Crowns (vs 1-4) (lyrics on screen)

OPENING PRAYER

(in-unison)

God of majesty and mercy, Three in One and One in Three.

We give you thanks and praise for your commitment to creation.

In Christ, you have turned the world upside down, revealing your

strength through our weakness and your power through compassion. In the cross of Christ, you taught us that no hopeless situation or frightening possibility is beyond your reach. We praise you for your love at work around us and within us, always able to do more than we can ask or even imagine. Receive our love and our loyalty this day, our Sovereign and our Saviour. Amen.

THE LESSONS

The Old Testament

Jeremiah 23:1-8

Psalm 46

The New Testament
The Gospel of St. Luke 23:33-43

These are the Words of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn VU 210 – You Lord Are Both Lamb and Shepherd (vs.1-4)
(lyrics on screen)

Sermon – Reflective Waiting

Rev. Scott Brown

*Hymn VU 31 – O Lord, How Shall I Meet You (vs.1-3) (lyrics on screen)

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

Offering

Offering Dedication: VU 540 – *Grant Us, God, the Grace* (lyrics on-screen)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(responsively)

"Merciful God, hear your people praying'

COMMISSIONING

(in unison)

We leave now, knowing that God will give us thin places for our eyes to see.

We leave now, knowing that the Holy Spirit will give us open spirits to be enriched by being in the thin places where heaven and earth meet.

We leave now, knowing that Jesus will guide us to people who know nothing of thin places that we may show them the way to stand in awe of what our Triune God is up to.

We leave now to ponder and wonder at where God is leading us next. Amen.

BENEDICTION

We go now; blessed by God to be a blessing to others.

We go now: blessed by having Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ walking with us and Christ living in us.

We go now; blessed with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that in the rest of this day and week to come we may run and not be weary, walk and not faint. Amen.

*Closing Hymn: Sussex Carol (vs.1,2,4,5)

(lyrics on screen)

Musical Postlude

Thank you

Worship Leaders

Rev. Scott Brown – Guest Presider Vince Anderson – Lead Musician Robert Woodbury – Cantor Alan Shugg – Scripture Reader

Technical Support

Eldon Wilson – Live streaming & Sound Patricia Wilson – PowerPoint Operation Patricia Wilson – Order of Service & PowerPoint Design