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** an invitation to stand in body or spirit in the service
~ BOLD PRINT- Congregational Participation

Reign of Christ Sunday – November 23, 2025
10:00 am at Little Current United Church

WELCOME: a special welcome to guests worshipping with us today. Please sign the guest book as you enter the sanctuary.

Gathering & Prelude
Announcements - The Life & Work of the Church
We Approach God

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

We sojourn on this land with those who are hooved and those with pads. We drink these waters with those who have feathers and those who have scales. We live here with those who came before us, and those who will come after us. Although we cannot change the past, and the wrongs Settler peoples and ways have done to Indigenous peoples and ways; Although we cannot reverse the industrial revolution and pollution of the world; we can be committed to a better present, and better future. This is Earth. This is gaia. This is Turtle Island. This is Mnidoo Mnising, Spirit Island, Manitoulin. This is home to Anishinaabe and immigrants, settlers and Metis.

This is home to animals and plants and more seen and unseen.

Because God calls us to be stewards, not conquerors,
let us walk more humbly and softly with our neighbours.

Centering:

Lighting of the Christ Candle

This is the reign of Christ or Christ the King Sunday. It is a transition. The church year is passing and we begin our story again. We read of Jesus' death and next week we'll read of his birth. Today we gather in our normal sanctuary, after service the greens come out and we begin Christmas preparations. In this cycle of death to life, life to death, and back again - we light this candle. It glows, it goes out, and back again. In the cycles of life, Christ is with us. This candle reminds us that in all the ways we are dying; and in all the ways we are being reborn, Christ is present.

(The Christ candle is lit)

2.

Call to Worship

One: Another year passes

All: Things end and things begin

One: Birth. Life. Death. Life beyond death.

All: Nothing is constant!

One: Everything changes. Everything except this:

All: God's love is with me. God's love is with you. God's love is with all creation.

One: Today?

All: Yesterday. Today. Forever.

One: And all creation is held safe in that love.

All: And all creation is transformed by that love.

One: Let us worship God who loves us, yesterday, today, and forever. (+1)

Invocation

One: Jesus, Presence of God Incarnate

All: First word over all creation, we are born of you and for you.

One: Alpha, Peace from Truth,

All: First hope among the dead, we are reborn of you and for you.

One: Omega, Redemption, and Reconciliation,

All: first servant in our action of giving, we are in relationship of you and for you.

One: Christ, Ruler of our todays and tomorrows,

All: First love in our hearts, minds, and souls, we are in community of you and for you. Amen. (+2)

**** Opening Hymn:**

"Song of Zechariah"

VU 901

(Blest Be the God of Israel – Luke 1:68-79)

Learning Time for all:

Alpha and Omega, A to Z,

Beginning and End



3.

Listening

HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

MV 214

*May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.
May God's nurturing arms, her cradling arms sustain you,
and hold you in her love, and hold you in her love.*

HOLY SCRIPTURES

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *(God will raise up new shepherds for Israel, God's flock.)*

Luke 23: 33-43 *("Remember me when you come into your kingdom.")*

May God's spirit shape our understanding of these words.

And may they awaken in our hearts.

Sermon: "What kind of king is this?"

***Learning Hymn**

MV 171

"Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"

Your Generosity Matters. Nov. 23, 2025

**Local Generosity
Local Food Box on Manitoulin.**

Responding to the Word

Invitation to Commitment:

Let us commit to feeding each other in word, spirit, deed, time, finances, land, prayer and in every way possible. Let us be part of God's feast for the world.

(The offerings will now be brought forward)

****Offertory Hymn:**

(VU 538)

For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer of Commitment *(unison)*

To you, dear King of Heaven, we offer these gifts. Some can be touched. Some cannot. All we ask your blessing upon. Let us be your kin, and let us live in your kin-dom, and these commitments be a blessing to all. Amen.

4.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

We praise you and thank you, transforming and reassuring God, in whom exists all things! Creator God, who birthed this marvelous earth on which we live, you exist in all things! Holy Spirit, who breathed over the waters of creation to give it life, you exist in all things! Child of God, Firstborn of Creation, through you, God became visible and lived among us. You exist in all things, the visible and the invisible!

On this reign of Christ Sunday, we acknowledge Christ's realm of hope and love dwells in each of us. We also acknowledge the ways we have purposefully or accidentally hurt others - and in doing so, have hurt you as you exist in all things. Transforming God, embolden us with an urgency to further Christ's kin-dom in all communities far and wide.

Forgive us and help us to forgive others. We thank you, Holy One, that you have made us fit to live and serve in the Beloved Son's kin-dom. We thank you, Holy One, that you never give up on us and always cheer us and lead us towards rebirth.

We pray for ourselves, and also for these situations and people we name aloud or in our hearts.....(silence)..... (+3) All of this we pray in Jesus' holy name, saying as you taught us saying

....Our Mother/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.

GOING FORTH INTO THE WORLD

Sending Forth Hymn:

To the tune VU 289

"It Only Takes Our Awe"

(Pass It On)

Benediction & Carrying out the Light:

As you return to the world, carry with you Christ's truth, cherish him as the highest power of your life, and share his generous love with neighbours near and far. (+4)

- Light is extinguished.

5.

Choral Benediction: *Let There Be Peace*

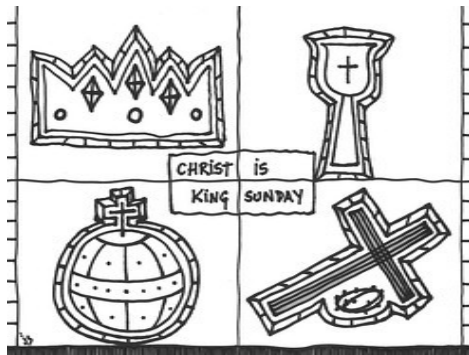
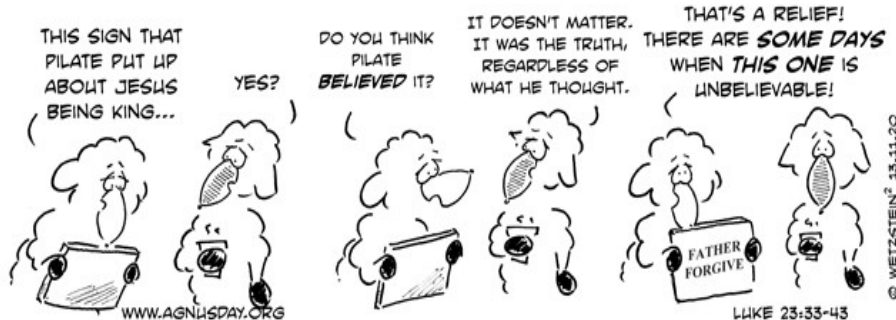
1. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me;
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we,
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
2. Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, may this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, and live each moment in peace eternally,
Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

Go now in the peace of Christ!



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Hymns for November 23, 2025 – Little Current UCPC

#1 VU 901 “Song of Zechariah”

1. Best be the God of Israel, who comes to set us free:
who visits and redeems us and grants us liberty.
The prophets spoke of mercy, of freedom and release;
God shall fulfil the promise and bring the people peace.
2. Now from the house of David a child of grace is given;
a Saviour comes among us to raise us up to heaven.
Before him goes the herald, forerunner in the way,
the prophet of salvation, the harbinger of Day.
3. On prisoners of darkness the sun begins to rise,
the dawning of forgiveness upon the sinner's eyes,
to guide the feet of pilgrims along the paths of peace;
O bless our God and Saviour with songs that never cease!

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#2 171 MV “Christ Has No Body Now But Yours.”

**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.**

1. No hands but your hands 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**
2. No eye but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but ours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God. **Refrain.**
3. 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. **Refrain.**
4. Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev'ry gift a benediction be
to the people of God. **Refrain.**

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#3. Tune of 289 “It Only Takes Our Awe”

(It Only Takes A Spark – Pass It On)

***It only takes our awe to change life for forever
and soon all that's around
deserves our love and wonder.
That's why it is we sing and dance,
paint and write, act and sow.
The earth's our home, our only home,
we want to pass it on.***

1. What wondrous time is fall
when all the leaves are turning.
The hills to gold and red,
fat bears to dens for sleeping.
That's how it is with earth's dance;
once you've experienced it,
you age, let go, rest to grow,
that's how we pass life on. **Chorus.**
2. What wonder is in winter
when all the earth lies fallow.
The dance and songs are stilled,
the striving it is over.
That's how it is with Gaia;
there's death, there's dying.
We give our hearts, we do our part,
and then we pass life on. **Chorus.**
3. What wonder is in summer
when days are for creating.
The whale brings her calf,
soil grows abundant.
That's how it is with sun's good grace;
once you're experienced it,
you live to give, you give to live,
you want to pass life on. **Chorus.**

