



*The United Church of Canada*  
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge  
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Trinity and First United

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Reign of Christ Sunday

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**Musical Prelude**

**Announcements**

**Remembering the Land**

**Call to Worship – based on Colossians 1:15-17**

**All: Come and worship Christ,  
the visible image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of creation,  
the eternal God:  
the one through whom all things were created,  
and in whom all things are held together.**

**This is our call.  
Let us respond together.**

**Opening Prayer– based on Psalm 46**

**One: Source of all hope and true power,  
disassemble our fortress,**

**All: so that you can be our refuge.**

**One: Still us,**

**All: so that we may know your presence  
and hear your voice.**

**One: Move among us,**

**All: so that, united by your Spirit,  
we may praise you in our worship  
and our living. Amen.**

**We Light Our Christ Candle based on Col. 1:18-20**

**Time for the Young and Young at Heart**

**Scripture Readings:**

Jeremiah 23:1-6 *Jeremiah prophesies against the kings of Judah, pointing out that a true shepherd, a true ruler, does not **drive** his sheep, but **leads** them. Jeremiah looks toward a future hope where a King from David's line, the Messiah, would truly shepherd his flock.*

**23** Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. <sup>2</sup>Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

**The Righteous Branch of David**

<sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Luke 23:33-43 *The crucifixion of Jesus*

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus<sup>[a]</sup> there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [[<sup>34</sup>Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.']]<sup>[b]</sup> And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah<sup>[c]</sup> of God, his chosen one!' <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him,<sup>[d]</sup> 'This is the King of the Jews.'

<sup>39</sup> One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding<sup>[e]</sup> him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah?<sup>[f]</sup> Save yourself and us!' <sup>40</sup> But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' <sup>41</sup> And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' <sup>42</sup> Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into<sup>[g]</sup> your kingdom.' <sup>43</sup> He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

### **Message: A Conversation to Remember**

**Hymn # VU 661**

**Come to My Heart**

### **Mission Story: Together in Prayer and Solidarity**

Through Mission and Service, The United Church of Canada accompanies global partners who bring compassion and courage to some of the world's most difficult places. Today, we hold in prayer our partners in Gaza, where the situation remains catastrophic.

Partners in the ACT Palestine Forum share that families are facing famine, and shortages of clean water, medicine, and shelter. The cost of even the most basic items has risen far beyond reach. Many are forced to make painful choices simply to survive. Children are especially vulnerable as malnutrition and lack of medical care take a growing toll.

Even amid these overwhelming challenges, Mission and Service partners continue to serve with remarkable faith and perseverance. Through ACT Alliance, they distribute food parcels, clean water, and medical supplies. They offer hygiene kits and psychosocial support to children and families living through trauma. And they raise their voices for a just and lasting peace, humanitarian access, and the protection of human dignity.

Each month, the ACT Palestine Forum organizes a global prayer vigil for Palestine and Gaza. "It gives us strength," one representative says, "to know that people around the world are praying with us, for justice, peace, and human dignity."

Your gifts for Mission and Service make this work possible. They help contribute to efforts to provide food, health care, and hope to reach those in greatest need, and that our partners know they are not alone.

Please continue to pray for all who are affected by this violence, and for peace rooted in justice to take root and grow.

**Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith**

*God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving.*  
**Amen**

**Invitation to Offering**

**Doxology: Take My Gifts, Vs. 2**

Take the fruit that I have gathered  
from the tree your Spirit sowed,  
harvest of your own compassion,  
juice that makes the wine of God;  
spiced with humour, laced with laughter--  
flavour of the Jesus life,  
tang of risk and new adventure,  
taste and zest beyond belief.

**Offering Prayer:**

**Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**

**Service of Communion:**

**Invitation**

**Communion Hymn: VU 480**

**Let Us Break Bread Together**

**The Story and Words of Institution**

**Eucharistic Prayer**

**Distribution:**

One: Come, the table is ready.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

One: Jesus Christ, Bread of life.

**All: Amen.**

One: Jesus Christ, the True Vine.

**All: Amen.**

**Post-Communion Prayer:**

God of abundance,

You have fed us with the bread of life  
and the cup of blessing.

You have united us with Christ and one another  
and made us one

with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now, by your Holy Spirit, assist us in our pilgrimage:  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and walk in the resurrection of Christ our Saviour, for:  
**Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again. Amen.**

**Sending Hymn: VU 359**

**He Came Singing Love**

**Commissioning and Benediction based on Romans 8:38-39**

**Sung Blessing: MV 213 – Take Up His Song of Peace**

Take up his song of peace  
and go into the world.  
Take up his song of peace  
in ev'ry moment.  
In ev'ry moment of the journey,  
we're laying down our lives;  
lay them down, in peace,  
lay them down, and take up his song.