

**Welcome to  
The Port Dover – Woodhouse Pastoral Charge  
Woodhouse United Church and  
Grace United Church  
Worship From Home Service  
Sunday, November 21, 2021**



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**Reign of Christ Sunday**  
**Heather King, LLWL**

**We Gather For Worship**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Land Acknowledgement**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the *“The Reign of Christ.”*

Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful,  
has been enthroned above all authority and power  
in this world and in the world that is to come.

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,  
serve the Lord with gladness  
come into his presence with singing.**

God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet,  
appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns  
as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
come into his courts with praise.  
Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

— written by Bruce Prewer,

**Memorial Candle Lighting**

**Woodhouse:**

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Eugene Bryce Stone

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Response:

Although death has separated us physically

**Faith and love have bound us eternally.**

Though we cannot see you,

**We know you are here.**

Though we cannot touch you,

**We feel the warmth of your smile**

**As we continue our own journeys.**

As you were, you will always be,

**Treasured forever in our memory.**

**Hymn: VU # 213: Rejoice the Lord is King**

Rejoice the Lord is King!

Your risen Lord adore!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing

and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Saviour reigns,

the God of truth and love;

when he had purged our sins,

he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

God's kingdom cannot fail;

Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;

the keys of death and hell

are to our Jesus given.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice:

rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope,  
for Christ, the judge, shall come  
to glorify the saints  
for their eternal home.

We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

### **Opening Prayer: 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 honour, glory and blessing  
this day and forever. Amen.

### **We Listen for God's Word**

Young At Heart

## Hymn: VU # 333 Love Devine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

### Prayer for Illumination:

O God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, your ways are not our ways. So, guide us by your Word and Spirit, and open our minds and hearts to your truth, speaking through the scriptures. By that truth, may our thoughts and our ways become a greater reflection of yours. **Amen.**

## **Scripture: Living Psalm 46**

God is my weighted blanket, my comfort, my relief when anxiety flares.

**I won't let my mind wander in fear as the earth shakes  
or the institutions fall in front of me.**

I'll work to care for God's creation without obsessing over what could go wrong.

**And yet, my brain begins to overthink anyway.**

Breathe. In. Out. Breathe.

**Experience my presence surrounding you...**

Look at this beautiful world – the dynamic foliage and rushing waters.  
What holy ground we stand on!

**God's firm presence steadies our foundation.**

**Though our world seems to be crashing around us and crushing our  
souls,**

**our space shall not be moved.**

**God sends the soaring sun in the morning and the moon's dance  
which eases our spirits at night.**

Breathe. In. Out. Breathe.

Experience my presence surrounding you...

**Be still, beloved. The holy one's soothing voice says to me again-  
Be still.**

Know that I am God.

Know that you are in my care.

**I am here. I am your refuge.**

**Breathe.**

By Reverend Michelle L. Torigian

## **Revelation1: 4b-8 ( The New Living Translation)**

**I am the Alpha and Omega**

<sup>4</sup> This letter is from John to the seven churches in the province of Asia.  
[a]

Grace and peace to you from the one who is, who always was, and  
who is still to come; from the sevenfold Spirit<sup>[b]</sup> before his

throne; <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ. He is the faithful witness to these things, the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding his blood for us. <sup>6</sup> He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.

And everyone will see him—  
even those who pierced him.

And all the nations of the world  
will mourn for him.

Yes! Amen!

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,”<sup>[c]</sup> says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”

### **John 18: 33-37 (The New Living Translation)**

<sup>33</sup> Then Pilate went back into his headquarters and called for Jesus to be brought to him. “Are you the king of the Jews?” he asked him.

<sup>34</sup> Jesus replied, “Is this your own question, or did others tell you about me?”

<sup>35</sup> “Am I a Jew?” Pilate retorted. “Your own people and their leading priests brought you to me for trial. Why? What have you done?”

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My Kingdom is not an earthly kingdom. If it were, my followers would fight to keep me from being handed over to the Jewish leaders. But my Kingdom is not of this world.”

<sup>37</sup> Pilate said, “So you are a king?”

Jesus responded, “You say I am a king. Actually, I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true.”

### **Anthem**

**Message:** Jesus, the Light of the World

## **Hymn: VU# 211: Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Crown him with many crowns,  
the Lamb upon his throne:  
    hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
    all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
of him who died for thee,  
    and hail him as thy matchless King  
    through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life,  
who triumphed o'er the grave,  
    and rose victorious in the strife  
    for those he came to save.  
His glories now we sing  
who died and rose on high,  
    who died eternal life to bring,  
    and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of peace,  
whose power a sceptre sways  
    from pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
    absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
and round his pierced feet  
    fair flowers of Paradise extend  
    their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of love;  
behold his hands and side,  
    rich wounds yet visible above,  
    in beauty glorified.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
for thou hast died for me;  
    thy praise shall never, never fail  
    throughout eternity.



## **We Respond to God's Word**

### **Offering:**

### **Prayer of Dedication:**

Praise God from whom all blessing flow;

Praise God all creatures high and low;

Give thanks to God in love made know:

Creator, Word and Spirit, One

### **Minute for Mission:**

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Concern**

### **Lord's Prayer**

## **We Take Christ's Message Into the World**

### **Hymn: More Voices 161: I Have Called You By Name**

I have called you by your name, you are mine;

I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.

I will not abandon you;

all my promises are true.

You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

I will help you learn my name as you go;

read it written in my people, help them grow.

Pour the water in my name,

speak the word your soul can claim,

offer Jesus' body given long ago.

I know you will need my touch as you go;

feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out,

choosing faith in spite of doubt,

hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

I have given you a name, it is mine;

I have given you my Spirit as a sign.

With my wonder in your soul,

make my wounded children whole;

go and tell my precious people they are mine.

## **Benediction and Commissioning**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
and to give shape to his kingdom. **Thanks be to God!**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE: Go Now In Peace**

Go now in peace, never be afraid,  
God will go with you each hour of every day.  
Go now in faith steadfast, strong and true,  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love and show you believe,  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above.  
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.  
Amen, Amen, Amen.

