



# Reign of Christ Sunday

November 21, 2021

11:00 AM

## Welcome to Worship

**It is a blessing to celebrate God's presence together.**

We continue to gather at a distance. Keeping physically apart is one way we care for each other, living out Jesus' command when he said, "Love one another." So it is good that we do this. And it is hard.

**We've started In-Person worship services.** We'll also keep meeting online as well. This way, you can share in these times however works best for you. You'll find more information in the "News for You" section of this leaflet.

No matter where we are worshipping, God is with us, and the Holy Spirit brings us together into the community of Jesus. So we are blessed.

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*We live and worship in the traditional places of the  
Attawandaron, Wyandot, Mississauga,  
and Haudenosaunee First Nations.*

*These are treaty lands and territory of the Mississaugas of the  
Credit, which we share through the Between the Lakes Treaty.  
These lands are also part of the crown grant to the Six Nations,  
the Haldemand grant, which stretches along the Grand River.*

*We are grateful for their stewardship of these places.  
We humbly seek to live together  
in pursuit of justice and right relations.*

## Joining Worship Online

We're using Zoom for our worship times. It is an online tool that allows us to share in the experience together.

You can use Zoom from your computer, tablet, or mobile phone. You can also use a regular phone to call in and listen to the service. You'll need the sign-in information. Simply email us at [elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca](mailto:elorabethanyuc@wightman.ca) and we'll be glad to send you instructions.

## As We Worship

This booklet has all the information you need. Simply make your way through it on your own.

If you're able to watch online, all the words will be shown on your screen for you to see.

If you're sharing in the online worship the music will be playing and you can join in. Your computer microphone is muted, so you don't need to worry about others hearing you. Or, you can simply enjoy listening to the music.

## Today's Worship

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### God Gathers Us with Grace

Coming together is God's gift. Give thanks!

### Gathering Music

### Welcome and Announcements

### Silence

### Invitation to Worship

Luke 1.31-33

Matthew 25.34-40 (selected verses)

Christ the King by Malcolm Guite

Our King is calling from the hungry furrows  
Whilst we are cruising through the aisles of plenty,  
Our hoardings screen us from the man of sorrows,  
Our soundtracks drown his murmur: 'I am thirsty'.

He stands in line to sign in as a stranger  
And seek a welcome from the world he made,  
We see him only as a threat, a danger,  
He asks for clothes, we strip-search him instead.

And if he should fall sick then we take care  
That he does not infect our private health,  
We lock him in the prisons of our fear  
Lest he unlock the prison of our wealth.

But still on Sunday we shall stand and sing  
The praises of our hidden Lord and King.

Surely God is in this place!

**God, help me notice.**

**Help us notice together.**

## Gathering Prayer

### Song: *The Wise May Bring Their Learning*

The wise may bring their learning,  
The rich may bring their wealth,  
And some may bring their brilliance,  
And some bring strength and health;

We too, would bring our treasures  
To offer to the King;  
We have no wealth or learning;  
What shall we children bring?

We'll bring Him hearts that love Him;  
We'll bring Him thankful praise,  
And young souls meekly striving  
To walk in holy ways:

And these shall be our treasures  
We offer to the King,  
And these are gifts that even  
The poorest child may bring.

We'll bring the little duties  
we have to do each day;  
We'll try our best to please Him  
At home, at school or play:

And better are these treasures  
To offer to our King,  
Than richest gifts without them:  
Yet these a child may bring.

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## Especially for Children

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## God Feeds Us with God's Word

Listen to what God has done and is doing!

### God's Word in Scripture: **Matthew 18.1-5**

### Responding to God's Word

**Song: *Saviour, Teach Me Day by Day***

Savior, teach me, day by day,  
love's sweet lesson to obey;  
sweeter lesson cannot be,  
loving Him who first loved me.

With a child's glad heart of love,  
at Thy bidding may I move;  
prompt to serve and follow Thee,  
loving Him who first loved me.

Teach me thus Thy steps to trace,  
strong to follow in Thy grace;  
learning how to love from Thee,  
loving Him who first loved me.

Love in loving finds employ,  
in obedience all her joy;  
ever new that joy will be,  
loving Him who first loved me.

Thus may I rejoice to show  
That I feel the love I owe;  
Singing, till Thy face I see  
Of His love who first loved me.

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## **We Respond with Gratitude and Hope**

Offer your prayers and gifts in response to God's grace.

### **Prayers of the Community**

#### **Lord's Prayer (spoken)**

Our 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.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **The Gift of Our Offerings**

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## God Sends Us in Love

God is sending you! You are on a mission! Go well.

**Songs: *Like a Rock*** (More Voices 92)

Like a rock, like a rock,  
God is under our feet.  
Like the starry night sky  
God is over our head.  
Like the sun on the horizon  
God is ever before.  
Like the river runs to ocean,  
our home is in God evermore.

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## Sending to be With and For the World

Romans 8:15-17 (The Message)

Wherever we go, God will be there.

**God, help me notice. Help us notice together.**

## Blessing

## Community Conversations

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## Keep Connected

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## Share in God's Mission with Your Offerings

Your offerings are an important way you follow Jesus by sharing in our life and mission together. Here is information about how you can give to either of our congregations.

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### Share in Bethany UC

You can give to

- our General Fund
- the residential schools Healing Fund
- the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service,
- our Future Fund
- Project Welcome Refugee Sponsorship
- Community Dinners

### Here are different ways you can give to Bethany UC.

#### Pre-Authorized Giving

Monthly offerings automatically deducted from your account. It's easy! Please contact Judy Howse-Ward to set this up. (519.846.2288)

#### Cheque

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#### Canada Helps

This online service lets you donate using your credit card. Go to [canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org), then search for "Bethany United Church Elora."

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## Share in to Elora UC

You can give to

- our General Fund
- the residential schools Healing Fund
- the United Church of Canada's Mission & Service,
- Project Welcome Refugee Sponsorship
- our Building Fund
- Community Dinners

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### Here are different ways you can give to Elora UC.

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