

**Grey Street United Church  
November 24, 2019**

**Reign of Christ  
“STEW”ardship SUNDAY**

**Guest Minister: Reverend Earl Gould**

\* *Stand as you are able. Words in **bold** spoken by all.*

GATHERING SONG: “Lord, I Lift your Name On High”

A STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

We are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One Territory, which is also the homestead of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality.  
*- By the Right Reverend Stan Mackay*

LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH:

\*HYMN: MV 28 “God of the Bible”

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING PRAYER:

**God of power and love, you raised Jesus from death to life, resplendent in glory to rule over all creation.  
Free the world to rejoice in his peace, to glory in his justice, and to live in his love.  
Unite all humankind in Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

A NEW CREED: VU 918 (*spoken, on screen*)

ANTHEM: “I Will Follow Him”

*- Soloist: Cheryl Palylyk*

TIME WITH THE YOUNG AND YOUNG AT HEART:

*“The Church Year”*

\*CHILDREN’S HYMN: VU 570 “Jesus’ Hands Were Kind

Hands”

SCRIPTURE READING:

VU 900 – Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the God of Israel,

**who has come to the people and set them free,**

who has raised up for us a mighty saviour,

**born of the house of the servant David.**

Through the holy prophets of old

God promised to save us from our enemies,

**from the hands of all who hate us,**

to show the mercy promised to our ancestors,

**to remember the holy covenant,  
the oath God swore to our ancestors  
Abraham and Sarah,**

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**free to serve God without fear,  
holy and righteous in God's presence,  
all the days of our life. (SUNG REFRAIN)**

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare the way,

**to give the people knowledge of salvation  
by the forgiveness of their sins.**

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

**to shine on those who sit in darkness,  
in the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
(SUNG REFRAIN)**

Colossians 1: 11-20

The Word as it is Written.

**Thanks Be To God!**

MESSAGE: “Strength for Today”

\*HYMN: VU 248 "When Long Before Time"

CALLED TO BE THE CHURCH:  
"Stewardship Thank You"

OFFERING:

(during this time, "Prayer Candles" may be lit)

\*OFFERING HYMN: VU 579 "The Church Is Wherever  
God's People Are Helping" (v. 2)

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF GIFTS AND SELF:

**Blessed are you, gracious God: you have given us  
life and freedom to be your people in the world.  
Blessed are you, gracious God: you have called us  
into the church and into this community of faith,  
pilgrims together on the journey into new creation.  
Blessed are you, gracious God: you have touched  
our hearts with hope, so that we long to see the day  
of your salvation.  
Accept, now, these gifts we bring.  
Enable us to use them for the coming of your new  
community of justice and shalom.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYER INTROIT: MV 101 "Jesus, You Fill Our Hearts"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER:  
(spoken)

\*HYMN: VU 288 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

\*BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH:

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION:  
MV 211 "Go Now in Peace, Guided by the Light"

POSTLUDE:  
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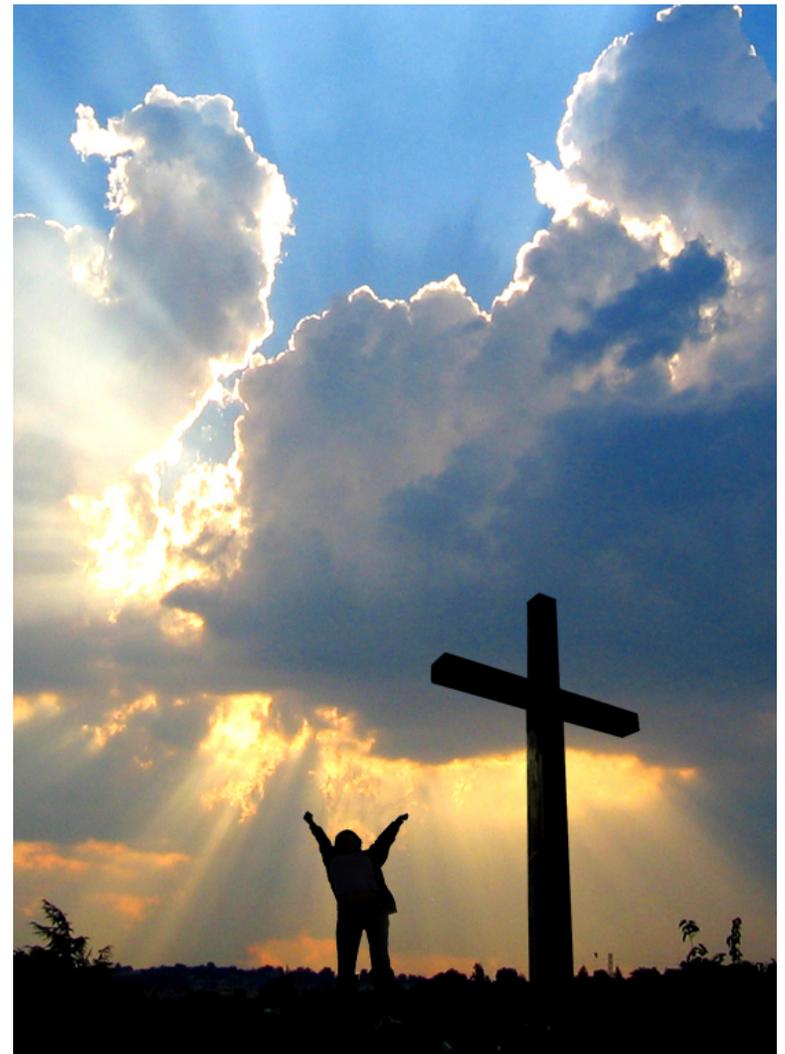
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