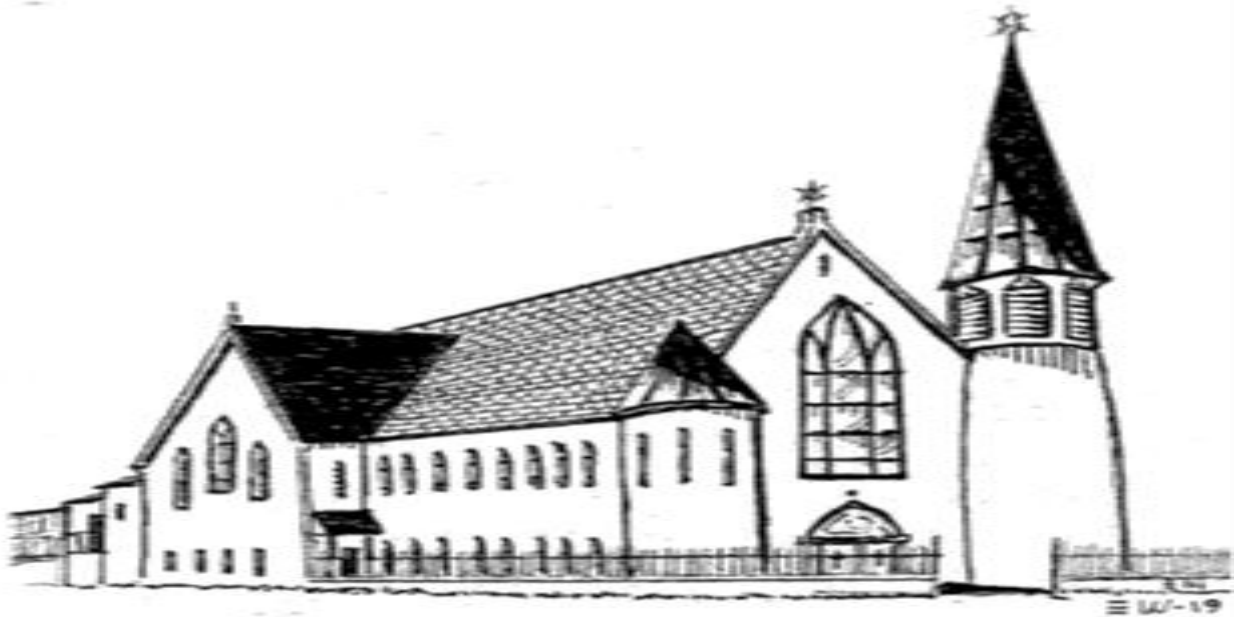


**GEORGE STREET UNITED
CHURCH
ROOTED IN THE ROCK:
TRANSFORMING FOR TOMORROW**



November 21st, 2021

Reign of Christ Sunday

Worship Leader: Rev. John Maich B.C.S M.Div.

Organist & Senior Choir Director:

Dr. Carolyn Sturge Sparkes, B. Mus., PhD

Men's Choir: Directed by William Green.

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Organ Prelude: Praeludium---J. S. Bach

Introit: Come Now, O God of Peace....G. Lee

Land Acknowledgement, Welcome, and Announcements:

Sharing The Peace of Christ:

*Call To Worship:

ONE: The Lord our God is a King like no other! Sing praise to God's name and give God glory!

ALL: **Worthy are you, O Lord of Hosts! Blessed and glorious is your name! Mindful of your power and your compassionate love we gather this day to testify before the whole assembly that you are God and there is no other. May your Kingdom never end and may all empires of earth be your footstool!**

*Hymn: VU 314 Come Now, Almighty King

Opening Prayer: (in unison)

ALL: **We thank you O God our Redeemer, Creator and Sustainer. The Kingdom you are building will surpass all that has gone before. It will be rich in mercy, abundant in shelter and lavish in provision. It will be a Kingdom of prophets and priests where love of neighbor will be the law of the land and love of you the glue that holds all things together. Come quickly, Lord and bring your Kingdom with you.**

Prayer Of Confession:

ONE: Having sung your glory Lord and praised your name we come before you in humility to confess our faults and our failures.

ALL: **We have sinned O Lord, against you and those you love. We have fallen short of the commands to love you with our whole being and to love our neighbours as we love ourselves. We are impatient in reply and hurtful in tone. Too easily we think lowly of others and elevate ourselves above them. Make us mindful of one another as your image bearers and provoke us to love the other as zealously as we claim to love you. Forgive us in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon:

ONE: God has sent Jesus into the world not to condemn nor to destroy but to redeem and to restore. You are new creations in Christ Jesus and free from all condemnation.

ALL: **We cling to the promise that we have received. That a place has been prepared for us in the Kingdom of Heaven. Help us to grow and mature in our faith so that we may serve you fully. Amen.**

Children's Message

***Hymn: VU 356 Seek Ye First The Kingdom Of God**

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*in unison*):

ALL: **Thank you God, for the ways that you have chosen to reveal yourself to us. Thank you for the whole of**

Creation and her testimony. Thank you for the words of your servants and their witness. Thank you for the gift of Jesus, your word made flesh and for his commandments. Touch our hearts and our ears that we may hear you anew.

Hebrew Lesson: 2 Samuel 23: 1-7 *Read by: Roger Angel*

Epistle Lesson: Revelation 1: 4-8

Responsive Psalm: 132 VU 855

Anthem: I've Got Peace Like a River----African American Spiritual

Gospel Lesson: John 18: 33-37

Sermon: Not From This World

***Hymn: VU 211 Crown Him With Many Crowns**

Prayers of the People:

The LORD's Prayer:

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

Minute For Mission:

Invitation to the Offering:

ONE: Mindful of all that God has done for us from the founding of the universe we bring forward the fruits of our labour and our being. We offer our time, talents, and our treasures, for the furthering of God's Holy Kingdom with joyful hearts.

Offertory Prelude: The Word of God----H. Coleman

Prayer of Dedication: *(in unison)*

ALL: Thank you, gentle Saviour, for accepting our gifts.
Thank you for using them to serve your children
near and far. Thank you for allowing us to be your
agents of grace in the world. Amen.

***Hymn:** VU 333 Love Divine All Loves Excelling

***BENEDICTION:**

ONE: As people of God, you form a community of faith within
The United Church of Canada

ALL: **Within this community of faith, we are blessed and
blessing.**

***COMMISSIONING** *(in unison):*

ONE: Go now and proclaim the good news of Christ's gospel.

ALL: **We will testify to God's creative caring and to the
Spirit's empowerment and encouragement of our
community. We will use our many and varied gifts
to reach out to our neighbours and embody God's
love for them in the world.**

Vesper: May the God of Peace....Benin trad.

Organ Postlude: Orgelstück in C Major---A. Kehrler