

# WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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*Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.*

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## REIGN OF CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 25, 2018 10:30 a.m.

### Assisting in Worship

Reader: Dan Beveridge

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Congregational responses are indicated by bold italics.

\* You are invited to stand

## WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

### PRELUDE

\*WE SING VU #30 Hail to God's Own Anointed

Hail to God's own anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed, God's reign on earth begun!

Christ comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,

to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

Christ comes with justice surely to those who suffer  
wrong,  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be  
strong,  
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn  
to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious  
in his sight.

Christ shall come down like showers upon the fruitful  
earth,  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path  
to birth.  
Before him on the mountains shall peace the  
herald go,  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley  
flow.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without  
end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.  
His name shall stand for ever: that name to us is  
Love.

## GATHERING WORDS

In the midst of the jangling demands of life that wear us  
down, we, as God's children, are loved into loving  
each other,

### ***Building Beloved Community***

In the midst of discord and of squabbles between us,  
we as God's children, are loved into loving each  
other,

### ***Building Beloved Community***

In the midst of cultural dissonance, we, as God's  
children, are loved toward harmony,

### ***Building Beloved Community***

We gather at God's call from the Great Conductor, to  
sing of self-giving love in notes of concord and  
rhythm,

### ***Building Beloved Community***

*(Adapted from: Gord Dunbar, Port Nelson UC, Burlington, ON)*

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER AND PRAYER OF JESUS

***...Unknowable Mystery,***

***We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.***

***May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.***

***May we have only what we need each day that all  
might have enough and more tomorrow.***

***May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we  
have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.***

***May we be strengthened through our trials; and may  
we face evil with courage, truth and love.***

***As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.***

## LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ  
***nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.***

## TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

\*WE SING

All God's Creatures

***All God's creatures got a place in the choir,  
Some sing low, some sing higher,  
Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or  
anything they've got now!***

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big t' do,  
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo!'

***All God's creatures got a place in the choir,  
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Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or  
anything they've got now!***

The dogs and the cats, they take up the middle,  
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles.  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
And the old coyote howls.

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anything they've got now!***

Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
On the melodies with the high notes ringing.  
The hoot owl hollers over ev'rything  
And the jaybird disagrees.

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Some sing out loud on a telephone wire,  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or  
anything they've got now!***

It's a simple song of living sung ev'rywhere  
By the ox, the fox, and the grizzly bear,  
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above,  
The sly raccoon and the turtle dove.

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anything they've got now!***

## **WE LISTEN**

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL

John 18:33-37

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

***may we find wisdom for living.***

ANTHEM

Lord, Here Am I  
by Jay Althouse

SPECULATION

## **WE RESPOND**

\*WE SING MV #196 We Will Take What You Offer (3x)

MINUTE FOR MISSION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

\*OUR RESPONSE

\*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

## **WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

\*WE SING MV #106

I Am the Dream

\*WORDS OF MISSION

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE