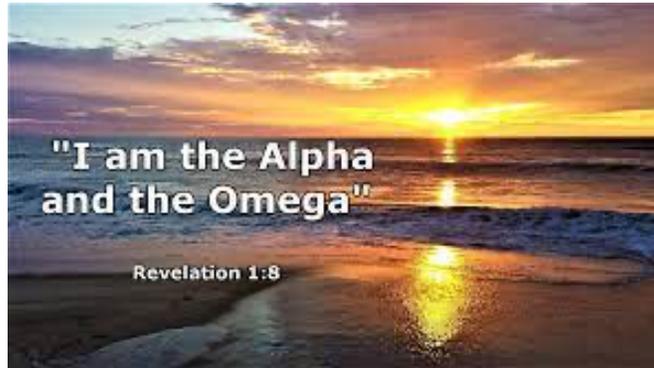


**Trinity-Grace United Church
26th Sunday after Pentecost**



THE REIGN OF CHRIST
November 21, 2021

"The practice of the better"

GATHERING

Welcome & Land Acknowledgment

Candle-lighting

Preparing our Hearts

Introit: "Canticle of the Turning"

Invitation to Worship

(Leader/All)

Grace to you and peace from the One
who is, and who was, and who is to come.

**Grace to you and the peace of Jesus Christ,
The faithful witness and bearer of truth.**

Let us lift our voices in praise,
**For the end is no longer the end,
but the beginning.**

Our God is Alpha and Omega,
the source and the fulfilment:

**The one who is and who was
and who is to come!**

Hymn: "Songs of Praise the Angels Sang"

VU 254

Reconciling Prayer:

(Leader/All)

Creator God, we approach you knowing that in response to our wayward ways you come running, welcoming our return with intimate embrace: as a child a parent as a hen her chicks offering your divine compassion to hear and see our basic needs.

**We come confessing our complicity
in a world where the neighbour's daily not enough is overshadowed by the fleshpots
of those who have too much, and we need your heavenly Spirit of distribution to
heal and save us.**

Prophets and seers of your Spirit, truth-sayers in your name foretell a new day and time when the inequities and injustices of our making, the sins of commission and omission of our doing will be no more, and then justice will run down like a mighty stream.

Loaves and fishes God, with that vision before us we pray for restoration.

Silent prayer

Assurance of Pardon

Sharing Peace

(Leader/All):

May the peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

First reading: Revelation 1: 4b-8 “I am the alpha and omega”

Second reading: John 18: 33-37 “Are you King of the Jews?”

Reader: May we hear the Word the spirit is speaking into our lives.

All: Thanks be to God.

Reflection

RESPONDING

Hymn: “You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd”

VU 210

Dedication of Our Offerings

We offer a prayer of dedication and gratitude for the many ways we all contribute to TGUC’s ministry and mission.

Offering Prayer: (Leader/**All**)

Receive our gifts this day, O God,
and bless them with your love and power.

Use them in the struggle for justice
and the work for healing and peace,
undertaken by your faithful people here
and everywhere,
in the name of Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Announcements/Sharing

WIDENING THE CIRCLE

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Prayers for the world and our community are offered.

The Prayer of the Disciples (The Lord's Prayer)

(ALL:)

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

- from the New Zealand Prayer Book (VU 916)

Hymn: "Christ Has No Body Now But Yours"

MV 171

Sending & Blessing

(Leader/ALL)

God be with us:

Guide us, and bless us

God be with us:

As we search and struggle to hear what you are calling us to do.

God be with us:

As we try to live out that which Jesus showed us was right.

God be with us:

As you were in the past, as you are in the present.

God be with us, guide us, and bless us:

For all the tomorrows to come.
May we be with God as God is with us.

Response: SUNG AMEN

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!

Postlude

Thank you for being part of our worship today!