

**Applewood United Church  
an Affirming Congregation  
Sunday, November 23, 2025  
Reign of Christ Sunday**  
*(\*please stand in body or in spirit)*  
***Bold words are for all to share***

**Music for Gathering**

**Territorial Acknowledgement and Announcements**

We understand that the land on which we live, work and worship is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron - Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. The territory is mutually covered by the "Dish with One Spoon" Wampum Belt agreement. In the spirit of reconciliation, we commit to building relationships with all created beings, those who were here before, those who have settled, and those who continue to settle on this land. We commit to partnering with our Indigenous neighbours in being stewards and caretakers of God's Creation. Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we seek to live as reconciled people through our respect for, and our learning and understanding of, our Indigenous siblings.

**Centering Music:** "Gather Us In" MV 7

**\*Call to Worship:**

One: Another year passes.

**All: Things end and things begin.**

One: Birth. Life. Death. Life beyond death.

**All: Nothing is constant!**

One: Everything changes.

Everything except this:

**All: God's love is with me.**

**God's love is with you.**

**God's love is with all creation.**

One: Today?

**All: Yesterday.**

**Today.**

**Forever.**

One: And all creation is held safe in that love.

**All: And all creation is transformed in that love.**

One: Let us worship the Go who loves us, yesterday, today, and forever.

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\* **Opening Hymn:** "Spirit, Open My Heart" MV 79

**Opening Prayer:**

**One:** On this Reign of Christ Sunday, we acknowledge that Christ's realm of hope and love dwells in each of us.

**All:** **Transforming God, embolden us with an urgency to further Christ's kin-dom in all communities, far and wide.**

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**Prayer for Reflection and Revelation:** Imagine Integrity

**Scripture readings:** (from the Inclusive Bible)

Jeremiah 23:1-6

Colossians 1:11-20

**One:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Choir:** "Total Praise"

**Reflection:** Kingdoms and Kin-dom

\* **Hymn:** "We Are Pilgrims on a Journey" VU 595

**A Time for Stewardship**

**Gift of Music**

\* **Hymn of Dedication:** "Behold, Behold" MV 115

\* Offering Prayer *(together)*

**All:** **Loving God, these offerings are part of our response to your call. We also respond with other ways of supporting our church and community through visits and phone calls made, notes written, food delivered, and prayers on behalf of others. We ask that you bless these offerings and multiply them by your grace so that the work of this congregation may be accomplished to your glory. Amen.**

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**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord's Prayer:** (sung) VU 960

\* **Closing Hymn:** "One More Step Along the World" VU 639

\* **Commissioning/Benediction**

\* **Choral Benediction:** "May the Peace of Christ" TLUS 104

**Music for Scattering**