



**Olds United Church/Knox United Church  
Reign of Christ Sunday  
Nov. 20, 2022  
Clergy: Rev. Edna Janice Beaudry**



**As we worship we gratefully acknowledge that our churches are located on the ancient and traditional lands of the people of and all are in the area of Metis Nation Region 3. May we cherish and care for these lands and the people, just as those who came before us have done.**

**Prelude Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Lighting of the Christ candle**

**Call to Worship**

**One: God is our refuge and strength.**

**All: A very present help in trouble.**

**One: Be still and know that I am God!**

**All: I am exalted among the nations. I am exalted in the earth.**

**One: The Lord of hosts is with us.**

**All: The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

**Opening Prayer**

**Christ we come to you this morning asking for your wisdom and guidance within our own individual lives and that of the church. We ask that your holy presence might empower and move us into action in seeking justice for all who have no voice, and to continue moving within us and around us as we seek your grace and your glory. In this we pray in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn: VU#374 Come and Find the Quiet Center**

**Prayer for Healing**

**We confess, O God, the many ways our lives are not under Christ's rule. Forgive us the ways we try to control others, rather than offering them to you. Forgive us the ways we want this church to meet our needs, rather than working to touch the lives of others. Forgive us the times we have left our faith at the church door, rather than carrying it into our homes and**

workplaces and community. Thank you for a new start every day. May we be open to your renewing love. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the  
kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

### Scripture

**Colossians 1: 11-20** This morning's text was written as a hymn that would have been sung by a cantor in the church. Christ is the pattern that connects, "in Him all things hold together."

**Romans 8: 20-21**

### Reflection

#### Prayers of the People

**O living Christ, we acknowledge your rule over all creation. We thank you for the gift of creation and of life itself. We offer to you prayers for our world and for the many places where people suffer under unjust rule, such as the Ukraine and other countries. In our life as a church and in our own lives, help us to support your reign through acts of love and justice. We hold up our own church family members who may be all struggling and bring their names to you in these next few quiet moments. Thank you O God for hearing our prayers and responding in your love. Amen.**



Please join on us on Wednesday morning, November 23<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 11:15 AM for coffee and muffins, and to receive an update on our Ministry Plan and our financial situation.

A short Board meeting will be held from 11:30 – 12:00 to deal with items arising from the discussion.

Please let us know if you do not wish to receive these congregational emails.