Strathmore United Church
November 22, 2026
Reign of Christ Sunday

Rev. Maria Szabone Berces

Greetings & Welcome:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

and also, with you. Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

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♫♪**Centering Song:** *Jesus Shall Reign* (***Vs 1; 3-4)*** ***VU #330**

Call to Worship:

We live in a world that often distorts what it means to be created in the image of God.

Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

We live in a world that values popularity more than humility.

Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

We live in a world where some lives are valued more than others.

Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

We live in a world where humanity is groaning for new possibilities and hope.

Come, Jesus, come. Saviour of the nations, come among us.

Aware of the world we live in, let us welcome Jesus as we worship today.

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Opening Prayer:

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Story Time for All Ages:

♫♪ **Hymn:** *O Worship the King* ***(Vs 1-2 & 5)*** ***VU #235**

Prayer of Confession & Words of Assurance:

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Prayer of Illumination:

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Reading of Scripture **Ezekiel 34:11-16; 20-24**
Matthew 25:31-46

L: A Word of God that is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♫♪ **Hymn:** *Ask Me What Great Thing I Know* ***VU #338**

The Offering Invitation:

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M&S Story:

When your generous giving and actions care for the hungry, give clean water to the thirsty, welcome the lonely and the different, provide for the poor, and visit the prisoner, you are actually giving generously to Jesus.

♫♪ **Dedication:** *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands* ***VU #537**

Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Dedication:

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Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:

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♫♪ **Hymn:** *Are You a Shepherd?* ***(Vs 1-2)*** ***MV #126**

Commissioning:
May the blessings of the One who offers a strong foundation undergird all that we do.
May God guide our path wherever we go.
May we be given the courage to choose the harder ways of faith when we are tempted to take the smooth and easy ways.
May we discover in our choices the way of true life.
Let us go forth with the blessings of God supporting and grounding our lives.

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♫♪ Hymn: *Are You a Shepherd?* ***(Vs 3)*** ***MV #126**

Passing the Peace of Christ
L: May the God of Peace go with you.
P: And also with you.

Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship after the service.

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