

The Service for the Lord's Day

34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
November 23, 2008

GATHERING AND GREETING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome and Announcements

Please record your presence with us on the attendance pads!

Children's Choir

**"Ain't Nobody"
"We Fall Down"**

Call to Worship

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!**

*Hymn # 131

"We Gather Together"
vs 1&2

KREMSER

Chiming of the Hour

Prayer of the Day

God of power and love,
You raised Jesus from death to life,
Resplendent in glory to rule over all creation.
Free the world to rejoice in his peace,
To glory in his justice,
And to live in his love,
United all humankind in Jesus Christ your son,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

*Hymn #694

"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

BUCK

Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully
for you are a gracious king-
both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all.
We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned,
We have neglected your call to seek the lost,
bring back the strayed,
bind the injured,**

and strengthen the weak.

We have failed to hope and to work for justice.

We have ignored your face in the stranger,

Forgive us, we pray.

Gather and direct us,

that we may live as your faithful people,

seeing as you see,

and loving as you love.

Declaration of Pardon

*Gloria Patri #70

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Chancel Choir

"Prayer of Thankful Praise"

HOPSON

THE WORD

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16;20-24

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Sermon

"Can You Take a Hint?"

William E. Shenk

Affirmation of Faith

Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

