



Our Mission...

to be an accepting Christian community dedicated to living, sharing and teaching the Word of God.

We respect all aspects of people including race, ethnicity, gender expression, sexual orientation, socio-economic background, age, religion, mental wellness, and ability.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18th, 2021

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Welcome to North Kildonan United Church on this eighth Sunday after Pentecost. We acknowledge that we meet, live, work, play and worship on Treaty One Territory - the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

God said, let there be light, and there was light. We light our Christ candle as a reminder that Jesus said, I am the Light of the World. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness but have the light of life. Let us feel God's loving presence among us.

PRELUDE: MV#1 – "Let Us Build a House"

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~ words by Marty Haugen

~ Michael McKay

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell

**And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

**God, open our spirits and fill us with light.
Open our hearts and fill us with love.
Open our minds that we may receive you with love and compassion.**

OPENING PRAYER

**We worship and praise you God and call out to you to hear our prayers.
We bring our concerns to you God.
God you are full of forgiveness
and our souls wait for your hope and your steadfast love.
Your loving presence is here.
We come with hearts overflowing, knowing that God is here
and we bring our hearts to this place with praise and thanksgiving.
Let us celebrate and worship God.
Remind us that you are always with us, now and forever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons: *Sylvia Banfield*

The First Reading

Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

The Second Reading

Psalms 85: 8-13

*Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land.
Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other.
Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.
The LORD will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness will go before him, and will make a path for his steps.*

The Third Reading

II Samuel 7: 1-14

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.'

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. When he commits iniquity, I will punish him with a rod such as mortals use, with blows inflicted by human beings.

RESPONSE: *This is the word of God; given that we might have life.*
Thanks be to God. Amen.

SERMON: **"Building a House of God"**
 ~Gay Todd (see the attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, hear our prayer and speak to our hearts. You are with us God in times of joy and times of grief. You feed our soul God in times of hunger. You comfort and guide us in times of fear and times of strength. You remind us of your love God in times of loneliness. Remind us that you are always with us.

God, your word gives light and understanding to all. We open ourselves to you in prayer and find you already in our hearts. You lead us in the way of justice, compassion and peace; calling us to find You in our neighbours' needs as well.

We thank you God for the many blessings you have given us. Our family, our friends and our faith community. We are grateful for the many blessings you have given us. But most of all God, we are thankful for Your love and promise of everlasting life. We thank you for the first responders and health care community who provide compassion and care for the sick during this COVID-19 pandemic. We pray for our

country's leaders that you guide them to make decisions that are best for our country.

Help us remember the joy of service and discipleship. The forgiveness, love and grace we receive from You gives us strength and courage to contend with the challenges on our life's journey. We pray for those who are broken and suffering; exploited and abused. We especially keep in our prayers our Indigenous brothers and sisters after learning of so many unmarked graves of children who were in residential schools. Also we pray for those who are grieving; for the mentally and physically challenged and families who are torn apart.

We pray our faith community moves forward and handles any challenges we may face. We pray our future brings new hope and vitality. May your love wrap around people all over the world in these days of uncertainty and give us strength and hope. And now let us say the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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
forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

*Rejoice in the life of our Risen Christ. Rejoice in the power of the spirit.
Rejoice in the power of prayer. Go, living in the love of God, serving in his name.
Let your love of God embrace all around you.*

**May the Lord go with you. Let Him take your hand.
Keep His love within you. Until we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: VU#599 – “Living Christ, Bring Us Love”

~words by Daniel Charles Damon

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~Michael McKay

- 1 Living Christ, bring us love,
love for every stranger;
Living Christ, bring us love,
love from cross and manger.**
- 3 Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace with God and neighbour;
Living Christ, bring us peace,
peace in all our labour.**
- 5 Living Christ, lead us out,
out to tell the story;
Living Christ, lead us out,
out to show your glory.**