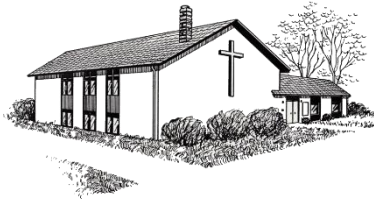


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Our Mission...

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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15th, 2021

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Friends, welcome to North Kildonan United Church, Winnipeg Manitoba on this Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, the 15th of August, 2021.

We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, 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

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

PRELUDE: VU #313 – “God, Whose Almighty Word”

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~words by John Marriott

~Michael McKay

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**

- 4 Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.*

Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one, who lives among us.

*Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.*

**To the one true God be praise in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**O Lord, our God,
you are always more ready to give your good gifts to us
than we are to seek them, and you are willing
to give more than we desire or deserve.
Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened to us
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons: *Betty Clark*

Psalm Reading: **Psalm 111**

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

**Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.**

**He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.**

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**They are established for ever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

He sent redemption to his people;

he has commanded his covenant for ever.

Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

all those who practice it have a good understanding.

His praise endures for ever.

The Gospel: **John 6: 51-58**

*Jesus said: 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'*

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,
'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?'

So Jesus said to them,

*'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his
blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have
eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and*

my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

RESPONSE: *God's Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.*
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"The Beginning of Wisdom"**
 ~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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
forever and ever. Amen.**

WE CLOSE OUR WORSHIP

THE BLESSING

*May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the comfort and fellowship
of the Holy Spirit be with you
and with those whom you love,
and with those who love you,
this day and always. Amen.*

POSTLUDE: *VU#236 – "Now Thank We All Our God"* ~words by Martin Rinckart
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**3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**