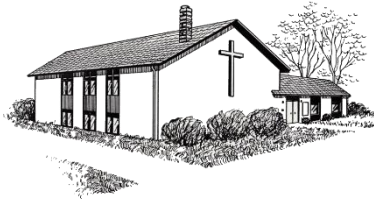


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Our Mission...

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.

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 22nd, 2021

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Friends, welcome to North Kildonan United Church, Winnipeg Manitoba on this Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, the 22nd of August, 2021. Our reader this day is Sheron, Michael is our musician, Donna is our Worship Assistant and I'm Rev. Don Johnson, minister of the Congregation.

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: "Where Could I Go?"

~words by J.B. Coats

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~Michael McKay

**Living below in this old sinful world,
Hardly a comfort can afford;
Striving alone to face temptation sore,
Where could I go but to the Lord?**

**Where could I go? Oh, where could I go
Seeking a refuge for my soul?
Needing a friend to save me in the end,
Where could I go but to the Lord?**

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

*"Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life."
Let us worship God. Let us pray.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Lord, open to us the sea of your mercy,
and water us with full streams
from the riches of your grace
and the springs of your kindness.
Make us children of quietness and heirs of peace;
kindle in us the fire of your love,
and strengthen our weakness by your power
as we become close to you and to each other. Amen**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons: *Sheron Miller*

Psalm Reading: **Psalm 84**

*How lovely is your dwelling place,
O Lord of hosts!*

*My soul longs, indeed it faints
for the courts of the Lord;*

**my heart and my flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

*Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,*

**at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.**

*Happy are those who live in your house,
ever singing your praise.*

**Happy are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

*As they go through the valley of Baca
they make it a place of springs;*

the early rain also covers it with pools.

They go from strength to strength;

the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

*O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
give ear, O God of Jacob!*

**Behold our shield, O God;
look on the face of your anointed.**

*For a day in your courts is better
than a thousand elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than live in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield;

he bestows favour and honour.

No good thing does the Lord withhold

from those who walk uprightly.

O Lord of hosts,

happy is everyone who trusts in you.

The Gospel: **John 6: 55-69**

'Jesus said: 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.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"Lord, to Whom Can We Go?"**

~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe in God the Father who made the world.

We believe in Jesus Christ, His son, who redeemed humankind.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

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#317 – “I Bind unto Myself Today” ~words attrib. St. Patrick

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~Michael McKay

**1 I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the three in one and one in three.**