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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.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 19th, 2021

**The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able, and the double asterisk ** indicates when to be seated;
Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet 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 ~Dorothy Franklin

PRELUDE: *Improvisation*

~Michael McKay

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 9: 1-2)

*We will give thanks to you, O Lord, with our whole heart;
We will tell of all your wonderful deeds.*

**We will be glad and exult in you;
We will sing praise to your name, O Most High.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Gracious God,
there are many places we could go this morning,
but we have desired to come to your house.*

*There are many voices to which we can listen today,
but we desire to hear your voice.*

*It would be easy to scatter,
but we have chosen to gather.*

*We need to behold your beauty,
to inquire in your temple,*

to be wrapped in your love,

and to experience your renewing Spirit.

Come close, Lord Jesus,

to fill us and renew us. Amen.

*Hymn: #VU 315 – **“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”**

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- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.**
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

THE WORD OF GOD

LEARNING TIME

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.**

PRAYER for ILLUMINATION

**O God, may your Word be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path,
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: *Dennis Deley*

Psalm

Psalm 1

(VU #724)

*Blessed are those who do not follow the counsel of the wicked,
or linger in the way of sinners, or sit down among those who mock.*

**But their delight is in the law of God,
and on that law they meditate day and night.**

*They are like trees planted beside streams of water,
yielding their fruit in due season.*

**Their leaves do not wither,
and whatever they produce shall prosper.**

As for the wicked, it is not so with them,

**but they are like the chaff,
driven away by the wind.**

*Therefore the wicked shall not stand
when judgement comes,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.*

**For God watches over the way of the righteous
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

The Gospel:

Mark 9: 30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

RESPONSE:

This is the Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

~Rev. Don Johnson

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.**

THE PRESENTATION of our OFFERINGS

Offertory Verse #541 VU "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

**Blessed are you, God of all creation;
through your goodness we have these gifts to share.
Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God forever. Amen.**

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

***Hymn: # VU 586 – "We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"**
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- 1 We shall go out with hope of resurrection;
we shall go out, from strength to strength go on;
we shall go out and tell our stories boldly;
tales of a love that will not let us go.
We'll sing our songs of wrongs that can be righted;
we'll dream our dreams of hurts that can be healed;
we'll weave a cloth of all the world united
within the vision of new life in Christ.**
- 2 We'll give a voice to those who have not spoken;
we'll find the words for those whose lips are sealed;
we'll make the tunes for those who sing no longer,
expressive love alive in every heart.
We'll share our joy with those who still are weeping,
raise hymns of strength for hearts that break in grief,
we'll leap and dance the resurrection story,
including all in circles of our love.**

THE BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION

**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.**

**Keep his love within you,
until we meet again.**

Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation*

~Michael McKay