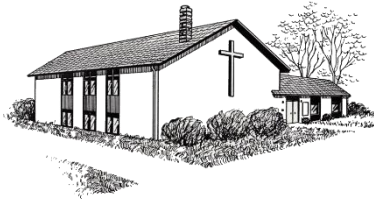


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Our Mission...

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.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 5th, 2021

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Friends, welcome to North Kildonan United Church, on this 15th Sunday after Pentecost, the 5th of September, 2021. Our reader and candlelighter is Kara, Michael is our musician, Carol is our Worship Assistant and I'm Rev. Don Johnson. 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: *Improvisation*

~Michael McKay

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Direct and help us, O Lord, in all our deeds,
that in all our works
begun, continued and ended in you,
we may glorify your holy name,
and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lessons: *Kara McMillan*

First Lesson: **Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

*A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favour is better than silver or gold.*

*The rich and the poor have this in common:
the LORD is the maker of them all.*

*Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.*

*Those who are generous are blessed,
for they share their bread with the poor.*

*Do not rob the poor because they are poor,
or crush the afflicted at the gate;*

*for the LORD pleads their cause
and despoils of life those who despoil them.*

The Gospel: **Mark 7: 24-37**

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter.

He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to Jesus a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged Jesus to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

RESPONSE: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"Those Who Are Generous Are Blessed"**

~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 Christ attend you,
the love of God surround you,
the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and for ever. Amen.*

POSTLUDE: *Improvisation*

~Michael McKay