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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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th, 2021
Thanksgiving Sunday

**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

PRELUDE

~Joanne Diplock

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 *~Donna Price*

In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.

CALL TO WORSHIP

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

And make God's face to shine upon us.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase;

God, our God has blessed us.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Gracious God, your heart abounds with goodness,
and your hand pours out abundance.*

**We praise you for the continuous cycle
of seedtime and harvest and the order of nature.**

**We bless you for the beauty of autumn
and its generous yield.**

**We thank you that you are mindful of us
and supply our needs.**

*Accept our thanksgiving and our praise
for the cycle of life and for all the joys of living. Amen.*

*HYMN: #VU 516 – “Come, You Thankful People, Come”

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!**
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**
- 3 For our God, one day, shall come,
and shall take this harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
giving angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.**
- 4 Even so, God, quickly come
to your final harvest home!
Gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;**

**there for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home.**

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.**

Scripture Readings: *Sylvia Banfield*

The Gospel: **Matthew 6: 25-33**

Jesus said: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

RESPONSE: *This is the Gospel of Christ.*
Thanks be to God.

SERMON: *~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)*

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

A NEW CREED

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

THE PRESENTATION of our OFFERINGS

Offertory Verse #227 VU "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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**3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Offertory Prayer

**Receive our gifts, O God.
May they be used to show forth to the world
the greatness of your love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
your perfect gift and our Saviour. Amen**

PRAYERS

***HYMN: # VU 236 – “Now Thank We All Our God”**

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- 1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.**
- 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.**

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

~Joanne Diplock