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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.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
October 17th, 2021
World Food 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 *~Sunday School*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Iona Community

*This we know: the earth does not belong to us,
we belong to the earth.*

*This we know: all things are connected,
like the blood that unites one family.*

*This we know: we do not weave the web of life,
we are merely a strand in it.*

*This we know: whatever we do to the web of life,
we do to ourselves.*

*Let us give thanks for the gift of creation,
let us give thanks that all things hold together in Christ.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, Creator of all,
you have blessed land and sea
and made them fruitful:
we depend on your bounty for our daily food.**

**We thank you for your goodness,
and seek your blessing on those who work
at sea or on the land.**

**As they fulfill the duties
and face the dangers of their calling,
may they know the strength of your protection.**

**By the good results of their labours,
may our needs be met,
our lives nourished,
and our hands opened in generosity
to the needs of others;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN: #VU 520 – “We Plough the Fields”

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.**

- 2 You only are the maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give us daily bread. R**

**3 We thank you then, O Maker,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
and, what from us you long for,
our humble, thankful hearts. R**

THE WORD OF GOD

LEARNING TIME

BLESSING of FOOD for WEST BROADWAY

**O Lord Jesus,
you taught us to love our neighbours as ourselves.
We thank you that we have food to share
with our brothers and sisters in West Broadway.
We ask you to bless this food
and to especially bless
and protect those who will enjoy this food.
Amen.**

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: Kara McMillan

The Gospel: Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do

not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: **"He is There"** ~words & music by Mary Kay Beall
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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

(Celebrate God's Presence, pg. 541)

**Vineyard of Our Delight,
you yield abundant fruit for all to share,
and invite us into your chamber
to feast and celebrate.**

**As we present our gifts,
fill us with your passion to feed the world,
that, leaving no one poor or hungry,
all may dwell with you in peace.**

**In your name we pray,
Source of Plenty, Staff of Life, Spirit of Generosity. Amen.**

PRAYERS

*HYMN: # VU 296 – "This is God's Wondrous World"

~Joanne Diplock

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- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**3 This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.
This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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