



*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.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021  
The Eve of the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi

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*\*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

*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.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*~St. Francis of Assisi*

**Praise our God all you his servants,  
honour him, you who fear God, both great and small.  
Heaven and earth praise your glory, O Lord,  
all creatures in heaven, on earth and under the earth;  
let us praise and glorify him for ever. Amen.**

\*HYMN: #VU 291 – “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

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*~Joanne Diplock*

**All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,**

**all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.**

- 1 Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings.**
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.**
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall;**
- 5 God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well.**

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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

**LEARNING TIME** & *"The Blessing of the Pets"*

### **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:** *Joan Knowles*

The Gospel:      **Mark 10: 2-16**

Some Pharisees came, and to test him they asked, 'Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?' He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' They said, 'Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.' But Jesus said to them, 'Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, "God made them male and female." "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.'

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, 'Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.' People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

RESPONSE:      *This is the Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

A CONFESSION of FAITH

~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 #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

**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 227 – "For the Fruit of All Creation"

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- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 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.**

## 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*