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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.

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 23rd, 2022

***Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

WELCOME and 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.

CALL to WORSHIP

*Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who creates us.*

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

*Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.*

**To the one true God be praise
in all times and places,
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

PRELUDE – "Mignon"

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(Robert Shumann)
~Joanne Diplock

PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God,
by grace alone you call us**

and accept us in your service.
Strengthen us by your Spirit,
and make us worthy of your call;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Peter Latimer*

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 19

(Voices United #740)

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the vault of the sky reveals God's handiwork.*

**One day speaks to another,
and night shares its knowledge with night,**
*and this without speech or language;
their voices are not heard.*

**But their sound goes out to all the lands,
their words to the ends of the earth.**

*In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun
which comes out like a bridegroom from under the canopy,
like an athlete eager to run the race.*

**Its rising is at one end of the sky, it runs its course to the other,
and there is nothing that is hidden from its heat.**

God's law is perfect, refreshing the soul;

God's instruction is sure, giving wisdom to the simple;

God's precepts are right, rejoicing the heart;

God's commandment is pure giving light to the eyes;

God's fear is clean, enduring forever;

God's judgements are true, every one of them righteous;

more desirable than gold, even much fine gold;

sweeter also than honey, pure honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned;

for in keeping them there is great reward.

But who can discern unwitting sins?

O cleanse me from my secret faults.

*Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins,
lest they get the better of me.*

Then shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

Let the words of my mouth

**and the thoughts of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O God,
my strength and my redeemer.**

Epistle: **I Corinthians 12: 12-31a**

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honourable we clothe with greater honour, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honour to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: **Luke 4: 14-21**

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the

place where it was written:

*'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'*

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: **"Mission Statements"**

~Rev. Don Johnson (see attached sermon)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE – *"One Bread, One Body"*

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(John B. Foley)

~Joanne Diplock

PRAYERS

*...Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.*

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.**

THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE – *"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"*

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(arr. Lorie Line)

~Joanne Diplock