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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 Fifth Sunday in Lent April 3rd, 2022

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

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE – “*La Primavera*” (Spring)

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(Vivaldi/Heumann)

~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

*May the light of Christ, rising in glory,
banish all darkness from our hearts and minds. Amen.*

INTROIT – “*I Will Sing to Our God*”

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(Farquharson/Hall)

~Joanne Diplock

1 Sung by the Choir

R: I will sing to our God who liberates the people!

*My hope and trust lie in God's care;
new future opens broad and fair.*

*Oppressors now must see, God wills us to be free
to live New Day as justice flows.*

Refrain: I will sing to our God who liberates the people!

2 **Tyrants arise, but fall away;**

God's freedom shines and claims the day.

**God calls the people forth to rise and claim their worth,
with courage walking in Love's way.**

Refrain: I will sing to our God who liberates the people!

- 3 **My hope and trust lie in God's care;
with vision clear I speak and dare.
Cruel power must be faced and hatred be erased,
hope starts the dance, good does advance.**

Refrain: I will sing to our God who liberates the people!

- 4 **My hope and trust lie in God's care;
I play my part in world more fair!
We can-not be held down when seeds of love are sown.
We live and dance, God's glory shown.
*I will sing to our God who liberates the people!***

Refrain: I will sing to our God who liberates the people!

CALL to WORSHIP

*The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Eternal Light, shine into our hearts;
eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil;
eternal Power, be our support;
eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance;
eternal Love, have mercy upon us,
that with all our heart and mind and strength
we may seek your face
and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

*HYMN: #232 VU – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"
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(van Dyke/van Beethoven)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 **Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 **All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,**

stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.

3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.

4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.

MINI-DRAMA: "Let's Be Grateful"

~Worship Committee

CHOIR ANTHEM: "We'll Sing in the Sunshine"

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(Gale Garnett)

~Joanne Diplock

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Kim Shaw*

Responsive Reading:

Psalm 126

(VU#850)

*When God brought Zion's captives home,
it seemed to us like a dream.*

**But then our mouths were full of laughter,
and our tongues uttered shouts of joy.**

*Then they said among the nations:
'God has done great things for them.'*

Truly God has done great things for us, and therefore we rejoice.

Restore our fortunes, O God, as streams refresh the Negev.

Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed for sowing,

shall come home with songs of joy, bringing in their sheaves.

Epistle:

Philippians 3: 4b -14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel:

John 12: 1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.'

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN: #410 VU – "This Day God Gives Me"**

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(Quinn/Wyton)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This day God gives me strength of high heaven,
sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth,
flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness,
deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth.**
- 2 This day God sends me strength to sustain me,
might to uphold me, wisdom as guide.
Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening,
your lips are speaking, Friend at my side.**
- 3 God's way is my way, God's shield is round me,
God's host defends me, saving from ill.
Angels of heaven, drive from me always
all that would harm me, stand by me still.**
- 4 Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One,
King of creation, giver of rest,
firmly confessing Threeness of Persons,
Oneness of Godhead, Trinity blest.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTERLUDE – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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(Mason/Sanborn)
~Joanne Diplock

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Verse: #149 VU – "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

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(Watts/Miller)

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Offertory Prayer

**O God, all that we have comes from you.
Receive this offering and with it the offering of our lives,
for we return to you only what you have so graciously given.
Use us for the sake of Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS & 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.**

A FINAL PRAYER FOR LENT

(Angela Ashwin)

**Lord, in these days of mercy, make us quiet and prayerful;
in these days of challenge, make us stronger in you;
in these days of emptiness, take possession of us;
In these days of waiting, open our hearts to the mystery of your cross.
Amen.**

*HYMN: #120 VU – "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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(Bode/Elliott)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

THE BLESSING

*The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you
peace, this day and always. Amen.*

CHORAL BENEDICTION

**May the Lord go with you, let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you, until we meet again. Amen.**

POSTLUDE – "All Glory, Laud and Honor"

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(Teschner/Schackley)

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