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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 Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 3rd, 2022

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE – "Larghetto"

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(Mozart)

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME

Rev. Don is on a well-deserved vacation. For those who may not know me, I'm Gay Todd, Chair of the Worship Committee. A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those worshipping at NKUC for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of worship together.

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 and the UKRAINE CANDLE

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

And may the light of this Ukraine Candle

help us to be mindful of our Ukrainian sisters and brothers in need.

THE GREETING

Come, you are invited to worship and praise God.

We call out to you God – hear our prayers.

Come, you are invited to bring your burdens and sorrows.

**God you are full of forgiveness and our souls wait for your hope
and your steadfast love.**

Come, all are invited. God's loving presence is here.

We come with hearts overflowing, knowing that God is here and we bring our hearts to this place with praise and thanksgiving.

Come, let us make a joyful praise of thanks to our God.

We come to give thanks and praise to God our Saviour.

Let us celebrate and worship God.

PRAYER of the DAY

Holy God,

**you call us together to reflect on your Word
and our life in your world.**

Be with us now as we sing and pray together,

that we may hear your voice and understand your way.

This we pray through Jesus Christ. Amen

*HYMN: #672 VU – **"Take Time to be Holy"**

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(Longstaff/Stebbins)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord;
abide in him always, and feed on his word.
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak,
forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.**
- 2 Take time to be holy, let him be your guide,
and run not before him, whatever betide.
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord,
and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.**
- 3 Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul,
each thought and each motive beneath his control.
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love,
you soon shall be fitted for service above.**

PRAYER of CONFESSION

*Gracious God as people called to be your presence in the world,
we search our hearts and ask your forgiveness:*

*for opportunities not taken,
for care not given,*

Forgive us, we pray.

*For sorrow not shared,
for joy not celebrated,*

Forgive us, we pray.

*For love not offered
forgiveness not extended,*

Forgive us, we pray.

For those failings we cannot speak aloud,

Forgive us, we pray.

*Gracious God, we seek your healing grace,
and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen*

ASSURANCE of GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*God, your spirit is present with us to guide and renew us.
You have freed us through Jesus to be people of light and love and we thank you.*

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Sylvia Banfield*

The Epistle: **Galatians 6: 1-16**

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh; but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith.

See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh that try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

The Gospel: **Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if

not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

Response: *This is the Word of God; given that we might have life.*
Thanks be to God. Amen

*HYMN: #400 VU – **"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

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(Medema)

~Joanne Diplock

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

REFLECTION: "Relax – It's a Long Weekend"

~Gay Todd (see attached meditation)

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Verse: #218 VU – **"We Praise You, O God"**

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(Cory)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

Offertory Prayer

**God of joy and love divine,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives through the gifts of your spirit,
that we may faithfully follow the way of Christ.**

**May we serve you and one another
with conviction and courage,
joy and freedom,
with a song in our hearts and a smile upon our faces.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS & THE LORD'S PRAYER

God, we thank you for the many blessings you have given us. We are grateful for our faith community, our family and our friends. We are grateful to be blessed with decent livelihoods and good health. But most of all God, we are thankful for Your love and promise of everlasting life.

We thank you for compassionate and caring people who tend to the sick and underprivileged. We thank you for our country's leaders. We pray you guide them to make decisions that are best for our country. We pray for teachers who educate our children. Help us remember the joy of service and discipleship. The forgiveness, love and grace we receive from You gives us strength and courage to contend with the challenges on our life's journey.

We pray for those who are broken and suffering; exploited and abused. Also we pray for those who are grieving the loss of a loved one or loss of a job. We pray for the mentally and physically challenged and families who are torn apart. We pray humankind learns not to hate and make wars, and that they find a way to eradicate poverty. We pray cures will be discovered for deadly diseases. We pray our faith community move forward and handle any challenges we may face. We pray the future brings new hope and vitality to our faith community. We are called to serve others. May your love wrap around people in need all over the world. We especially pray for the Ukrainian people and that the unjust war ends soon. In these days of uncertainty in the world, we strive for peace and justice.

God give us strength and hope. Comfort all those who suffer, whether it's a loss of employment, a loss of a friend or family member or just feeling "lost". And now let us say the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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.**

***HYMN: #232 VU – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**

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(Wesley/Prichard)

~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.**

THE BLESSING

Rejoice in the life of our Risen Christ.

Rejoice in the power of the spirit.

Go, living in the love of God, serving in his name.

Let your love of God embrace your family, friends, and all of God's children.

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 – “*Thy Word*”

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