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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 Pentecost  
June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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

## **PREPARING FOR THE WORD**

### **PRELUDE – "Milonga del Angel"**

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(Piazzola)

~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 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**

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

**And also with you.**

### **PRAYER of the DAY**

(VU#404)

**As on a first day you began the work of creating us;  
as on a first day you raised your Son from the dead;  
so on this first day, O Lord, freshen and remake us:  
and as the week is new, let our lives begin again  
because of Jesus who shows us your loving power.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN: #409 VU – "Morning Has Broken"**

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(Farjeon/Wyton)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**
- 3 Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

A LITANY of THANKSGIVING for CREATION

...O God,

**We praise you.**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reader: *Marie Leskovjan*

Hebrew Scripture:                   **2 Kings 2: 1-2, 6-14**

*Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.*

*Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.*

*When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.*

*He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, 'Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?' When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.*

The Epistle:

**Galatians 5: 1, 13-25**

*For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.*

*For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.*

*Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.*

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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(Babcock/Sheppard)

~Joanne Diplock

- 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 Gospel: **Luke 9: 51-62**

*When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set towards Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, 'Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?' But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.*

*As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'*

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS**

Offertory Verse: #227 VU – **"For the Fruit of All Creation"**

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(Green)

*~Joanne Diplock*

**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

**Accept, O Lord,  
the offering we seek to make,  
of ourselves and our money;  
and grant that we may ever work and pray  
to build a world of peace and joy and freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. 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.**

**\*HYMN: #333 VU – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"**

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(Wesley/Prichard)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.**
- 2 Come, almighty to deliver;  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.**
- 3 Finish, then, thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;**

**let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

### THE BLESSING

**May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;  
may the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;  
may the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls;  
and may the blessing of God the Holy Trinity  
be with us and abide with us 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 – "Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

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(Manley)

~Joanne Diplock