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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 after Pentecost  
July 10<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 – "Sonatina in C Major"**

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(Clementi)

~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**

**God of the way,  
author of the truth,  
breeder of loving mercy....  
often we are brought to silence before your mystery.  
And now in this Communal hour,  
we bow before Your goodness.  
We give You our humble words,**

our dedicated music,  
our open hearts.  
Whenever we stumble,  
set our feet upon Your path again,  
and lead us always in the ways of the risen Christ. **AMEN**

\*HYMN: #357 VU – **"Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

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(Parker/Challinor)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**
- 2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**
- 3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.**
- 4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!**
- 5 Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me**

## A LITANY of THANKSGIVING for CREATION

Source of all truth and beauty.....

**We praise you!**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Barrie McPherson*

Hebrew Scripture: **Isaiah 1: 1-18**

*The vision concerning Judah and Jerusalem that Isaiah son of Amoz saw during the reigns of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.*

*Hear, O heavens! Listen, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: "I reared children and brought them up, but they have rebelled against me. The ox knows his*

*master, the donkey his owner's manger, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand."*

*Ah, sinful nation, a people loaded with guilt, a brood of evildoers, children given to corruption! They have forsaken the LORD; they have spurned the Holy One of Israel and turned their backs.*

*Why should you be beaten anymore? Why do you persist in rebellion? Your whole head is injured, your whole heart afflicted. From the sole of your foot to the top of your head there is no soundness-- only wounds and welts and open sores, not cleansed or bandaged or soothed with oil.*

*Your country is desolate, your cities burned with fire; your fields are being stripped by foreigners right before you, laid waste as when overthrown by strangers. The Daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a hut in a field of melons, like a city under siege. Unless the LORD Almighty had left us some survivors, we would have become like Sodom, we would have been like Gomorrah.*

*Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; listen to the law of our God, you people of Gomorrah! "The multitude of your sacrifices-- what are they to me?" says the LORD. "I have more than enough of burnt offerings, of rams and the fat of fattened animals; I have no pleasure in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.*

*When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations-- I cannot bear your evil assemblies. Your New Moon festivals and your appointed feasts my soul hates. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I will hide my eyes from you; even if you offer many prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are full of blood; wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight! Stop doing wrong, learn to do right! Seek justice, encourage the oppressed. Defend the cause of the fatherless, plead the case of the widow.*

*"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.*

## The Epistle:

### **2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12**

*Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:*

*Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring. With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his*

*calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

**\*HYMN: #567 VU – "Will You Come and Follow Me"**

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(The Iona Community)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?**
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?**
- 3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?**
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?**

**5 Christ, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.**

The Gospel: **Luke 19: 1-10** (*Jerusalem Bible*)

*Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town and suddenly a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He kept trying to see where Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him, 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I am to stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house,' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of man has come to seek out and save what was lost.' While the people were listening to this he went on to tell a parable, because he was near Jerusalem and they thought that the kingdom of God was going to show itself then and there."*

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: *~Rev. Paul Campbell (sermon outline attached)*

## **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

**Here we are, O Lord,  
surrounded every day by abundant gifts.  
It is good for us to claim that all of life is a gift,  
and to say thank you.  
It is a privilege to support the mission of this congregation  
and the wider work of justice and reconciliation.  
So, to the One who is Holy:  
Thank you!!  
Amen.**

DAILY PRAYERS *followed by*

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: #144 MV – "*Like a Healing Stream*"

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(Harding)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1    Like a healing stream in a barren desert,  
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,  
God is trickling through our lives  
as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth...  
like a healing stream.**
- 2    Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,  
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil  
to coax a new creation,  
yearning for an end to want and need...  
like a gentle rain.**
- 3    Like a river strong with a restless current,  
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,  
God is carving out a channel**

**in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war...  
like a river strong.**

- 4 Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,  
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow;  
God will always challenge and provide!  
Like a mighty sea,  
like a river strong,  
like a gentle rain,  
like a healing stream.**

### THE BLESSING

*As we leave this time and place of Worship  
be assured, the creating power of God goes with you,  
the mending gifts of Jesus Christ, they will keep you strong,  
and be assured: The Holy Spirit is in us and around us.  
The power of these promises will never retreat. Go in peace.*

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

### POSTLUDE – "He Leadeth Me"

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(Bradbury/Wilson)  
~Joanne Diplock