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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 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31st, 2022 – *conducted by the UCW of NKUC*

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

PREPARING FOR THE WORD

PRELUDE – "Allegro Molto Op. 36 No. 5"

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(Clementi)

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of TERRITORY

THE LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE

THE LIGHTING of the UKRAINE CANDLE

***INTROIT HYMN: #58 MV – "We Sing of Your Glory"**

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(traditional Latin America)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We sing of your glory,
we praise you again,
for you are eternal.
Amen. Amen.**
- 2 We sing of your power,
and honour again,
for you are eternal.
Amen. Amen.**
- 3 We sing of surrender
to you, God, again,
for you are eternal.
Amen. Amen.**
- 4 "Glory in the highest,
on earth," sing again.
Glory, alleluia.
Amen. Amen.**

CALL to WORSHIP

Come, all who are weighed down with life's burdens

**We come seeking rest and peace
in this confusing and chaotic time.**

*Come, all who are looking for answers where there appear to be none, for hope,
when it seems to have vanished.*

**We come trusting that God is in this place,
hearing our need
and ready to respond. Amen.**

OPENING PRAYER *as taken from the Inaugural service, 1962*

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

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(Cory/Kremser)
~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.**
- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.**
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Barb Wiebe*

Jeremiah 29: 10-14

For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfil to you my promise and bring you back to this place. For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

Proverbs 23: 15-18

*My child, if your heart is wise,
my heart too will be glad.
My soul will rejoice
when your lips speak what is right.
Do not let your heart envy sinners,
but always continue in the fear of the LORD.
Surely there is a future,
and your hope will not be cut off.*

Romans 15: 1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour. For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 147

*Praise the LORD!
How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
**He heals the broken-hearted,
and binds up their wounds.**
He determines the number of the stars;*

he gives to all of them their names.

**Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.**

The LORD lifts up the downtrodden;

he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

make melody to our God on the lyre.

**He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.**

He gives to the animals their food,

and to the young ravens when they cry.

**His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.**

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

RELECTION: "Continuing in Hope"

A Celebration of 60 years of the United Church Women in Canada

~Sheron Miller (see attached message)

*HYMN: "***We Celebrate our Hearts***"

(Turcott/Wesley)

(sung to the tune of #331 VU – "The Church is One Foundation")

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We celebrate our history, rejoice to know our past
And thank God for those women who to the faith held fast.
They labored in God's service, they worshipped, worked and prayed
And following a vision they journeyed unafraid.**
- 2 In this our world of turmoil, the call of God we heed;
And to that call stay faithful, in action, word and deed.
Thus challenged by our purpose, and struggling on the way.
We journey where God leads us, toward a better day.**
- 3 We look toward the future, and joyfully we go
With faith into tomorrow the seeds of life to sow.
We follow still that vision, that will not be denied.
The coming of an Eden where all in love abide.**

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

CONFESSION and TIME of SILENT REFLECTION

Gracious God, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

Have mercy and forgive us.

You have given your Son for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with all our heart.

Have mercy and change us.

Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you and neglecting others.

Have mercy and cleanse us.

When we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear and worry.

Have mercy and deliver us.

In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of this world.

Have mercy and renew us.

Father, through the redeeming death of your Son, by your Spirit, and through your word enable us to follow you with joy.

All this we ask, confident of your faithfulness and love. Amen.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

AN INVITATION TO SHARE

Offertory Verse: #191 MV – "What Can I Do?"

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(Rumbolt/McCarthy)

~Joanne Diplock

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

The Dedication of our Gifts

**O God, you have given to us beyond our wildest dreams,
and we are called to be thankful.**

**Empower us, O God, to respond generously,
wisely and compassionately,**

**that our gifts combined with the gifts of others,
may follow the pattern of Jesus Christ
and become a living, loving blessing.**

In the name of love, we pray. Amen.

PRAYERS of THANKSGIVING and INTERCESSION

***HYMN: #481 VU – "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"**

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(Westendorf/Sateren)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended, O now be extended
the fruits of this service in all who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for all.
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

THE BLESSING

SENDING FORTH

Go into the world;

Dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world;

Risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world:

Believe, struggle, love and hope.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God! 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 – "Valse in A Minor"

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(Chopin)

~Joanne Diplock

Please join us for coffee and fellowship following the service.