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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 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost  
August 21<sup>st</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** *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

*~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**

**Almighty God,  
you have taught us that without love  
all our doings are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit,  
and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtues;**

through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

\*HYMN: #245 VU – "***Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet***"

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(Sleeth)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1** Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,  
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,  
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.  
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,  
praise the Lord in the city square,  
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.  
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,  
praise the Lord in the dark of night,  
praise the Lord in the rain or  
snow or in the morning light.  
Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,  
praise the Lord on the highest hill,  
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.
- 2** Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,  
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,  
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.  
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,  
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,  
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.  
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,  
praise the Lord in the time of joy,  
praise the Lord every moment,  
nothing let your praise destroy.  
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,  
praise the Lord in your work or play,  
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

Scripture Reader: *Joan Knowles*

Hebrew Scripture: **Jeremiah 1: 4-10**

*Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'*

*Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,*

*'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them,  
for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'  
Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me,  
'Now I have put my words in your mouth.  
See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,  
to pluck up and to pull down,  
to destroy and to overthrow,  
to build and to plant.'*

**Responsive Reading: Psalm 71: 1-6**

*In you, O God, I seek refuge;  
may I never be disappointed.*

**In your righteousness, save and rescue me;  
incline your ear and deliver me.**

*Be a sheltering rock for me,  
a fortress where I may find safety;*

**for you are my rock and my stronghold.**

*Rescue me, O God, from the hand of the wicked,  
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel.*

**For you are my hope, my trust from my youth;  
from the time of my birth I have leaned on you.**

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

**\*HYMN: #703 VU – "In the Bulb There is a Flower"**

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(Sleeth)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 In the bulb there is a flower;  
in the seed, an apple tree;  
in cocoons, a hidden promise:  
butterflies will soon be free!  
In the cold and snow of winter  
there's a spring that waits to be,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**
- 2 There's a song in every silence,  
seeking word and melody;  
there's a dawn in every darkness,  
bringing hope to you and me.  
From the past will come the future;**

**what it holds, a mystery,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

**3 In our end is our beginning;  
in our time, infinity;  
in our doubt there is believing;  
in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection;  
at the last, a victory,  
unrevealed until its season,  
something God alone can see.**

The Gospel: **Luke 13: 10-17**

Now Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

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 Hymn: #581 VU – **"When We Are Living"**

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(Young)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,  
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.  
Both in our living and in our dying,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**
- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.  
Good works of service are for offering.**

**When we are giving, or when receiving,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,  
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,  
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

**4 Across this wide world, we shall always find  
those who are crying with no peace of mind,  
but when we help them, or when we feed them,  
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

Offertory Prayer

**We bring our gifts to you, Lord God,  
with cheerfulness and a joyful heart.**

**Grant that with our gifts  
we may also offer**

**a ready mind and a willing spirit  
    to show forth in our lives the truth of the gospel;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

PRAYERS

*...God of mercy,*

**Hear our prayer.**

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: #563 VU – "Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

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*(Gabaráin)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**1 Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore  
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;  
you only asked me to follow humbly.  
O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,**

**and while smiling, have spoken my name;  
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;  
by your side I will seek other seas.**

- 2 You know so well my possessions;  
my boat carries no gold and no weapons;  
- you will find there my nets and labour. R**
- 3 You need my hands, full of caring  
through my labours to give others rest,  
and constant love that keeps on loving. R**
- 4 You, who have fished other oceans,  
ever longed for by souls who are waiting,  
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R**

## THE BLESSING

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

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