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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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 18th, 2022

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.

CALL to WORSHIP

Blessed be the name of the Lord
now and evermore.
From the rising of the sun to its setting
the Lord's name be praised!

PRAYER of the DAY

Gracious God,
your love is at work in all that you have made.
Blessed Jesus, in your likeness we are made new.
Holy Spirit, you touch our lives with hope.
Receive our worship, claim us for your service,
set us free to honour you today. Amen.

*HYMN: *#409 VU – **"Morning Has Broken"*** (Farjeon/Wyton)

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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!

The Word of God

Scripture Reader: *Barrie McPherson*

The Epistle: **Philippians 4: 4-9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*
Thanks be to God.

The Gospel: **Matthew 14: 13-21**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves

and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*
Thanks be to God.

*HYMN: *#501 VU –* ***"Break Now the Bread of Life"*** (Lathbury/Sherwin)
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1 Break now the bread of life, Saviour, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea.
Beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord;
my spirit waits for you, O Living Word.

2 Bless your own truth, dear Christ, to me, to me,
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all-in-all.

MINI-DRAMA **"Bread and Fishes"**

CHOIR ANTHEM: *#856 VU –* ***"Behold, How Pleasant"*** *(Psalm 133)* (Sosa/Nixon)
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We Respond to the Word

THE PRESENTATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory Music

Offertory Hymn: *#541 VU –* ***"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*** (Ken)
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Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

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

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: *#227 VU – **"For the Fruit of All Creation"*** (Green)

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1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

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.

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.

TABLE GRACE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.
Generously you give us the fruits of the earth
to delight and nourish us.
Bless this meal and strengthen us in your service;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

POSTLUDE: ***"Picnic 1920"*** (Schoenmoehl)

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