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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 Second Sunday before Advent  
November 13<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**

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*~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**

**Almighty God,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
and bring us to eternal light and joy;**

through the power of him  
who is alive and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

\*HYMN: #389 VU – **"God is Here"**

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(Green/Rowlands)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 God is here! As we your people  
meet to offer praise and prayer,  
may we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
wait the coming of the Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.**
- 2 Here are symbols to remind us  
of our lifelong need of grace;  
here are table, font, and pulpit;  
here the cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
here in silence, as in speech,  
here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.**
- 3 Here our children find a welcome  
in the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the Servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believe and to adore.**
- 4 God of all, of church and kingdom,  
in an age of change and doubt  
keep us faithful to the gospel;  
help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
all we have to give, receive;  
we, who cannot live without you,  
we adore you! We believe!**

# THE WORD OF GOD

## LEARNING TIME

### 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.**

Scripture Reader: *Betty Clark*

Hebrew Scripture: **Isaiah 65: 17-25**

*For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice for ever in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.  
No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days,  
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;  
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,  
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.  
They shall not labour in vain, or bear children for calamity;  
for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD— and their descendants as well.  
Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox;  
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.*

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

CHOIR ANTHEM:    **"Down to the River to Pray"**  
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(Curry)  
~Joanne Diplock

The Gospel:            **Luke 21: 5-19**

*When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'*  
*They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them. 'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.'* Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

*'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.*

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

\*HYMN: #336 VU – **"Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies"**  
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(Wesley)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Christ whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ the true, the only light,  
sun of righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night.  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
daystar, in my heart appear.**
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes and warm my heart.**

- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.**

SERMON

*~Rev. Don Johnson*

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **A NEW CREED**

**We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**

**to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

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

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

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(Green)

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 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.**

\*Offertory Prayer

**Each thing we have received  
came from you.  
Each thing for which we hope  
will come from you.  
Each thing we enjoy  
is of your giving.  
Each thing for which we ask  
comes from your disposing. Amen.**

PRAYERS

\*HYMN: #333 VU – "Love Divine, All Love's 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

CHORAL BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE:

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