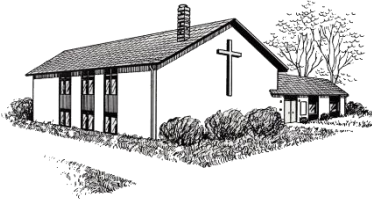


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Our Mission...

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.

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14th, 2023
Christian Family Sunday

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.

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.**

PASSING of the PEACE

May the peace of the Risen Lord be with you now and always.

And also with you.

Let us stand and greet each other with the peace of Christ.

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

(VU #557 - Ruth Duck)

**In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.
Illumine the homes of this earth with the light of your love,
granting courage to those who are hurt or lonely,
endurance to those who care for sick family members,
and wisdom to those in fearful times of change.
We thank you for gifts of love we have received
from mother, father, spouse, child, or companion.
As we have been loved by you and by others, so may we love.
Grant us your peace, through Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

*HYMN: VU #179 – **"Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks"**

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(Fishel/Nixon)
~Joanne Diplock

**Hallelujah, hallelujah.
Give thanks to the risen Christ;
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Give praise to God's name.**

- 1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
firstborn of all creation. R**
- 2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and is risen. R**
- 3 We have been crucified with Christ,
now we shall live for ever. R**
- 4 Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour. R**

THE WORD OF GOD

LEARNING TIME and 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 of ASSURANCE: #92 MV – "Like a Rock"

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(Wehlander/Good)

~Joanne Diplock

**Like a rock, like a rock
God is under our feet.**

**Like the starry night sky
God is over our head.**

**Like the sun on the horizon
God is ever before.**

**Like the river runs to ocean
Our home is in God evermore.**

Scripture Reader: *Richard Miller*

First Lesson:

Psalm 98

(VU #818)

Sing to God a new song,

for God has done marvellous things.

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

**You have made known your salvation,
and revealed before the nations your saving power.**

*You have remembered your steadfast love
and faithfulness to the house of Israel;*

**all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

break into joyous praise, sing psalms.

Sing psalms to God with the harp,

with the harp and melodious voice.

With trumpets, and the sound of the horn

make a joyful noise before our sovereign God.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,

the world, and its inhabitants.

Let the rivers clap their hands,

the hills sing together for joy before God.

You come to judge the earth, O God,

**to judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

Epistle:

I John 5: 1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not

burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "You Raise Me Up"

(Graham/Lovland)

~Joanne Diplock

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The Gospel:

John 15: 9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

Thanks be to God.

***HYMN: VU #556 – "Would You Bless Our Homes and Families"** (Farquharson/Klusmeier)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Would you bless our homes and families,
Source of life who calls us here;
in our world of stress and tension
teach us love that conquers fear.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles,
love's expressed in many ways.**
- 2 When our way is undemanding,
let us use the time that's ours
to delight in simple pleasures,
sharing joys in gentle hours.**

**When our way is anxious walking
and a heavy path we plod,
teach us trust in one another
and in you, our gracious God.**

**3 From the homes in which we're nurtured,
with the love that shapes us there,
teach us, God, to claim as family
every one whose life we share.
And through all that life may offer,
may we in your love remain;
may the love we share in families
be alive to praise your name.**

**4 Let us reach beyond the boundaries
of our daily thought and care
till the family you have chosen
spills its love out everywhere.
Help us learn to love each other
with a love that constant stays;
teach us when we face our troubles
love's expressed in many ways.**

SERMON:

~Rev. Don Johnson

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

AN AFFIRMATION of FAITH *(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 Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

***Offertory Verse: VU #155 – "Jesus Christ is Risen Today"**

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(Davidica)

~Joanne Diplock

**4 Sing we to our God above, hallelujah!
praise eternal as God's love; hallelujah!
praise our God, ye heavenly host, hallelujah!
praise the Son and Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!**

***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 Lord. Amen**

PRAYERS

A PRAYER for MOTHER'S DAY

(Angela Ashwin)

**Thank you, God,
that you are tender as a mother,
as well as strong as a father.
You give us life,
and care for us
like a mother who will not forsake her children.
We pray for our mothers today,
putting them into your hands
for time and for eternity;
and we ask your blessing on all our relationships
in the families of our homes,
our churches,
and our communities. Amen.**

***HYMN: VU #236 – "Now Thank We All Our God"**

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(Rinckart/Crüger)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Now thank we all our God, with heart,
and hands, and voices,**

**who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.**

**3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

***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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