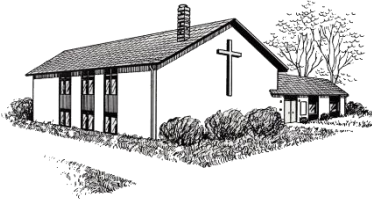


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Our Mission...

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.

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 7th, 2023
Coronation 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.

PRAYER of the DAY

O God,

form the minds of your faithful people into a single will.

Help us love what you command

and desire what you promise,

that, amid all the changes of this world,

**our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN: VU #822 – "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"**

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(Troeger/Genevan Psalter)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 All people that on earth do dwell,
sing out your faith with cheerful voice;
delight in God whose praise you tell,
whose presence calls you to rejoice.**
- 2 Know that there is one God, indeed,
who fashions us without our aid,
who claims us, gives us all we need,
whose tender care will never fade.**
- 3 Enter the sacred gates with praise;
with joy approach the temple walls.
Extol and bless our God always
as people whom the Spirit calls.**
- 4 Proclaim again that God is good,
whose mercy is forever sure,
whose truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.**

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: *Marie Leskovjan*

First Lesson: **Acts 7: 55-60**

But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Epistle: **I Peter 2: 2-10**

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone,

a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the very head of the corner', and

'A stone that makes them stumble,

and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

*Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.*

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: VU #367 – **"Come Down, O Love Divine"**

(da Siena/Williams)

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~Joanne Diplock

The Gospel: **John 14: 1-14**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said to him, *'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'* Jesus said to him, *'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'*

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' Jesus said to him, *'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'*

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

PIANO SOLO: ~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: ~Rev. Don Johnson

PIANO SOLO: ~Joanne Diplock

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

INTRODUCTION

***THE NATIONAL ANTHEM: VU #524 – "O Canada"**

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(Routhier/Weir/Lavallée)

~Joanne Diplock

**O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all our lives command.
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong and free!
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.**

PRAYER for THE KING and THE ROYAL FAMILY

***THE ROYAL ANTHEM: Red Hymn Book #218 – "God Save the King"**

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(Harding)

~Joanne Diplock

**God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King;
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

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

***HYMN: VU #240 – "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"**

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(Lyte/Goss)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Praise, my soul, the God of heaven,
glad of heart your carols raise;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who, like me, should sing God's praise.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the Maker all your days!**
- 2 Praise God for the grace and favour
shown our forebears in distress;
God is still the same forever,
slow to chide and swift to bless.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Sing our Maker's faithfulness!**
- 3 Like a loving parent caring,
God knows well our feeble frame;
gladly all our burdens bearing,
still to countless years the same.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
All within me, praise God's name!**
- 4 Frail as summer's flower we flourish;
blows the wind and it is gone;
but, while mortals rise and perish,
God endures unchanging on.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise the high eternal one.**
- 5 Angels, teach us adoration,
you behold God face to face;
sun and moon and all creation,
dwellers all in time and space.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise with us the God of grace!**

***A TABLE GRACE**

**Bless, O Lord, this food to our use
and ourselves to your service,
and make us mindful of the needs of others;
for your love's sake. Amen.**

***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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