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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.*

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023

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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 on 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 APPROACH

\*HYMN: *VU #331 – "The Church's One Foundation"*

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*(Stone/Wesley)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be**

his living servant people, by his own death set free.

- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.  
One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
- 5 We now on earth have union with God the Three in One,  
and share through faith communion with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, happy ones, and holy! Lord, give us grace that we  
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

#### PRAYER of CONFESSION

We meet you here,  
God of faithfulness,  
our hands and lives full of our foolish ways.  
We treat the strangers who walk among us  
with fear and doubt.  
We afflict our anger on those who care about us the most.  
We impose hard words on those  
who need to hear hope and grace in their lives.  
So now we bring our hearts to you, Generous God,  
setting them down before you  
in hope that you will mend them.  
As you hear our faltering words,  
we pray you would answer us  
with your faltering words,  
we pray you would answer us  
with your forgiving love.  
And as you forgive us,  
may we go forth to be generous with our lives towards others,  
even as the one who is Lord of all, Jesus the Christ,  
has been so generous to us.

#### MOMENT of SILENT CONFESSION

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

**The Good News is  
there is nothing we do  
that can conquer us,  
for we are sheltered in God's gracious hope.  
This is the truth we believe. Amen.**

\*HYMN: *VU #337 – "Blessed Assurance"*

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(Crosby/Knapp)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of the Spirit, washed in Christ's blood.  
This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.**
- 2 Perfect submission, perfect delight!  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. R**
- 3 Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed;  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with God's goodness, lost in Christ's love. R**

## THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reader: *Barrie McPherson*

Responsive Reading:

**Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16**

*In you, O God, I have taken refuge;  
let me never be put to shame.*

**Deliver me in your righteousness;  
incline your ear; come quickly to my rescue.**

*Be my rock of refuge, a stronghold to keep me safe.*

**You are indeed my rock and fortress;  
lead me and guide me for your own name's sake.**

*Release me from the net that they hid for me,  
for you are my protector.*

**Into your hands I commend my spirit,  
for you have redeemed me, O God of truth.**

*My times are in your hands; deliver me from the hands*

*of my enemies, from those who pursue me.*

**Let your face shine on your servant,  
and save me, for your mercy's sake.**

**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: *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Troubled Hearts"

*~Rev. Don McKay*

**WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

MOMENT of QUIET TIME

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

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.**

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**\*Offertory Verse: VU #543 – "We Give Thee But Thine Own"**

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(How)

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.**
- 2 May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first-fruits give.**

\*Offertory Prayer

**\*HYMN: VU #421 – "Lead On, O Cloud of Presence"**

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(Duck/Smart)

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Lead on, O cloud of Presence, the exodus is come.  
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.  
Our slavery left behind us,  
new hopes within us grow.  
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**
- 2 Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,  
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.  
We are not lost, though wandering,  
for by your light we come,  
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**
- 3 Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,  
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.  
We pray our sons and daughters  
may journey to that land  
where justice dwells with mercy, and love is law's demand.**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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(Price/Besig)

~Joanne Diplock

**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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