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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 after Pentecost  
July 9<sup>th</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

*A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshipping at North Kildonan for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together.*

## 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

*God said, let there be light and there was light.  
We light this Christ candle as a reminder that Jesus said, "I am the Light of the World. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness but have the Light of Life."*

### LIGHTING of 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

*The Peace of Christ is here to stay.  
Let us stand and exchange signs of peace and love with one another.*

## CALL to WORSHIP

*God, open our spirits and fill us with light.*

**Open our hearts and fill us with love.**

*Open our minds that we may receive you with love and compassion.*

**We worship and praise God and call out to you to hear our prayers.**

*We bring our concerns to you God.*

**God you are full of forgiveness**

**and our souls wait for your hope and your steadfast love.**

*Your loving presence is here.*

**We come with hearts overflowing, knowing that God is here**

**and we bring our hearts to this place with praise and thanksgiving.**

*Let us celebrate and worship God.*

## PRAYER of the DAY

**God hear our prayers and speak to our hearts.**

**In times of joy and times of grief You are with us God.**

**In times of hunger and times of fullness You feed our soul God.**

**In times of fear and times of strength You comfort and guide us God.**

**In times of loneliness and in times with family and friends**

**You remind us of your love God.**

**Remind us that You are always with us now and forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN: *VU #331 – "The Church is 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.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

### PRAYER

\*HYMN of ASSURANCE: 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**

Scripture Reader: *Heidi McIlwain*

First Lesson:                   **Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18**

*A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite.*

*I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, for ever;  
with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.  
I declare that your steadfast love is established for ever;  
your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

*You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one,  
I have sworn to my servant David:*

*"I will establish your descendants for ever,  
and build your throne for all generations." '*

Selah

*Happy are the people who know the festal shout,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;  
they exult in your name all day long,  
and extol your righteousness.*

*For you are the glory of their strength;  
by your favour our horn is exalted.  
For our shield belongs to the LORD,  
our king to the Holy One of Israel.*

## Second Lesson:

## **Genesis 22: 1-14**

*After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, 'Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.' Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, 'Father!' And he said, 'Here I am, my son.' He said, 'The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?' Abraham said, 'God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.' So the two of them walked on together.*

*When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.' And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place 'The LORD will provide'; as it is said to this day, 'On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'*

Response: *This is the Word of God.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **\*HYMN: VU #343 – "I Love to Tell the Story"**

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(Hankey/Fischer)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.  
I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

- 2 **I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word. R**
- 3 **I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. R**

The Gospel:

**Matthew 10: 40-42**

*'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'*

Response: *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN: *VU #382 – "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

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(Hatch/Jacson)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 **Breathe on me, breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.**
- 2 **Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with thine,  
to do and to endure.**
- 3 **Breathe on me, breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine,  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.**
- 4 **Breathe on me, breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.**

REFLECTION: "The Faith of Abraham"

~Gay Todd

## 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 #227 – "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

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*(Green)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**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**

**God of joy and love divine, receive all we offer you this day.  
Enrich our lives through the gifts of your spirit,  
that we may faithfully follow the way of Christ.  
May we serve you and one another with conviction, courage and joy.  
May these gifts be used to do your work God. Amen.**

### PRAYERS

*God we are thankful for the many blessings you have given us.*

*We thank you for your everlasting love and our faith community at NKUC.*

*Bless our family and friends.*

*We pray for all who are grieving from the loss of family or loved ones.  
We pray the impoverished and for those suffering from physical and mental illness.  
Our prayers go out to those affected by fires and floods.  
We especially pray for the Ukraine that war ends there soon.  
The forgiveness, love and grace we receive from You gives us strength and courage  
to contend with the challenges on our life's journey.  
God give us strength and hope.  
We pray our faith community will move forward  
as we begin on a new path with Rev. Susan Reed.  
And now let us say the prayer Jesus taught us...*

## 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: VU #232 – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**  
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(van Dyke/van Beethoven)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.**

**3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

**\*THE BLESSING**

*Rejoice in the life of our Risen Christ.*

*Rejoice in the power of the spirit.*

*Rejoice in the power of prayer.*

*Go, living in the love of God, serving in His name.*

*Let your love of God embrace all around you. Amen.*

**\*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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