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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.*

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

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*~Joanne Diplock*

## WELCOME

## CALL to WORSHIP

*(Written by Paul Fayter; from *Celebrate God's Presence.*)*

*God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
inviting us to worship.*

*God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
inviting us by love.*

*God's Spirit calls to our spirits,  
calling us by name,  
calling us to grow in faith,  
calling us to be made new.*

*We come to worship in this season of the Spirit.*

## 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.**

## OPENING PRAYER

(Written by Rod Sykes; from *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

*Come to us, Holy God, as we gather before you.*

**Encircle us with your love,  
bless us with your sustaining presence,  
surround us with your grace,  
draw us 'round your living word,  
and bind us to one another as disciples of Christ,  
whose spirit is in our midst. Amen.**

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

*The peace of Christ be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us greet another with the peace of Christ.*

## \*OPENING HYMN: VU #415 – "God We Praise You for the Morning"

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*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.**
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.**
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears, and laughter,  
help your children to grow.**
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.**
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.**
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Christ is Lord of our days!**

## PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION

(Written by Kate Galea; from Worship for All Seasons II: Year C.)

**Gentle God, who sees into the heart of each of us:  
we lay open before you our very selves.**

**You see our failings, our weaknesses,  
the ways we are less than you have called us to be.**

**Help us, also, to see our brokenness and need of you.**

**And then, Gentle God, what you see, forgive;**

**what you forgive, love;**

**and what you love, redeem and make new.**

**This we ask through Jesus,**

**who came to bring wholeness of life. Amen.**

## SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

(Written by Laura Turnbull; from Worship for All Seasons II: Year C.)

*God's love overflows! God's compassion embraces! God's generosity sets us free!*

**Thanks be to God for the gift of forgiveness.**

**We are blessed with new opportunities to live as followers of Jesus.**

## CONVERSATION with ALL AGES

\*HYMN: #92 MV – "**Like a Rock**" sung twice

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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.**

## LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: Marie Leskovjan

### **Genesis 32: 22-31**

*The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. Then he said, 'Let me go, for the day is breaking.' But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go, unless you bless me.' So he said to him, 'What is your name?'*

*And he said, 'Jacob.' Then the man said, 'You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed.' Then Jacob asked him, 'Please tell me your name.' But he said, 'Why is it that you ask my name?' And there he blessed him. So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, 'For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved.' The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.*

### **Matthew 14: 13-21**

*Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, 'This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.' Jesus said to them, 'They need not go away; you give them something to eat.' They replied, 'We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.' And he said, 'Bring them here to me.' Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.*

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

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: "Encounters with the Holy"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

PRAYER

*(From Prayers for All Seasons Year A, adapted.)*

**God, when we are hungry,  
feed us with bread and fish for the journey.  
When we struggle,  
sustain us with words of wisdom and stories of hope.  
When we wrestle with unknown forces,  
touch us with companionship and love.  
All this we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #633 – "Bless Now, O God, The Journey"*

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**1 Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,**

**the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.**

**2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.**

**3 Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.**

## 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: #191 MV – "What Can I Do"**  
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sung twice

~Joanne Diplock

**What can I do? What can I sing?  
What can I say? What can I bring?  
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.  
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**O God, we offer you these gifts,  
and we offer you our very selves.  
Bless all that we offer,  
and use it and us for your work in the world.  
In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

### SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU #424 – "May the God of Hope Go With Us"**  
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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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~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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