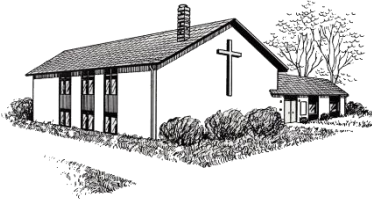


North Kildonan United Church  
174 Pentland St, Winnipeg, MB R2G 2S3  
Church Office: 204-667-7408  
email: [nkuc@mymts.net](mailto:nkuc@mymts.net)  
www.nkuc.ca



Minister: *Rev. Susan Reed*  
Pianist/Choir Director: *Joanne Diplock*  
Office Administrator: *Wilma Fehr*  
Property Manager: *Heinz Goetz*

*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.*

World Communion Sunday ~Creation Time 4  
October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

---

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

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

WELCOME

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

\*OPENING REFRAIN: #130 MV – **"Rise Up, Rise Up"**

sung twice (Good)

*(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.**

**Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.**

**Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.**

**Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name. X2**

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 this candle remind us of the light of Christ, which shines on us, around us, within us, and through us.*

**And may the light of this Ukraine Candle help us to be mindful of our Ukrainian sisters and brothers in need.**

CREATION MOMENT

Creation Asks: Love Me!

## CALL to WORSHIP

(Adapted from David Sparks; from *Prayers to Share Year C*.)

*We gather as members of this faith community  
to pray, to praise, and to remember.*

**In bread and cup unite us, O God.**

*We gather in solidarity with Christians of every continent;  
Christians of many denominations.*

**In bread and cup unite us, O God.**

*We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
to hear words of truth, compassion, and justice.*

**In bread and cup unite us, O God.**

*We gather in the traditions of the saints,  
to be strengthened and serve faithfully.*

**In bread and cup unite us, O God.**

*Come, and let us worship God together.*

## \*OPENING HYMN: VU #402 – "We Are One"

*(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(Lankshear-Smith/Sam)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**
- 2 We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.**
- 3 We are one as we feast,  
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
in the bread and the wine  
there's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
as we feed, we are fed;  
and we feel God's refreshing grace  
as we meet at table in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.**

## OPENING PRAYER

(Written by Wendy Bily; from *Worship for All Seasons II: Year C.*)

**Holy and Gracious God,  
by your Spirit you are with us through all our days:  
sharing our pain, helping us to celebrate,  
giving us hope when our hope seems lost.  
As we gather today to worship you  
and to receive food and drink for our daily journeys,  
bind us in the unity of love into one worldwide community,  
through Christ, our host. Amen.**

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

*The peace of Christ be with you all.*

**And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with words and signs of peace.*

## CONVERSATION TIME

### LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Richard Miller*

#### **Philippians 2: 1-13**

*If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.*

*Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name*

*that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

*Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.*

Words of Response:

*May God grant us understanding of these words of scripture.*

**Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM: #10 MV – **"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"** (Duck/Kasbohm)  
*(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)* ~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: "One in Christ"  
~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

(Written by Robin Wardlaw; found online.)

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

\*Offering Verse: #191 MV – **"What Can I Do?"** sung twice  
*(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(Rumbolt/McCarthy)

~Joanne Diplock

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

**\*Offertory Prayer**

(Written by Frances Flook; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2017*.)

**Loving and gracious God,  
we offer up these gifts -  
that they may be used  
to make the world more kind, more loving,  
more like the kingdom Christ revealed among us.  
We offer them and we offer our lives  
in service to you, now and always.  
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Unless otherwise noted, the communion liturgy is written by B.J. Beu and Mary Scifres;  
from the *Abingdon Worship Annual 2022*.

**\*COMMUNION HYMN: VU #460 – "All Who Hunger"**

*(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(Dunstan/Moore)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

## COMMUNION LITANY

*With Christians around the world, come to the festival of love.*

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

*With believers from every continent on earth,  
come to the festival of grace.*

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

*With the whole body of Christ, come to the festival of life.*

**We come with thanksgiving and praise.**

## CALL to GIVE THANKS

(From the New Zealand Prayer Book; found in *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

*The Holy One is here.*

**God's Spirit is with us.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to God.*

**It is right to offer thanks and praise!**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### SONG of CREATION

*...And so, with your people on earth,  
and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn saying:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might!**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## REMEMBERING JESUS at the TABLE

### AFFIRMATION of MEMORY and HOPE

*...As your covenant people and as reflections of your glory,  
in union with Christ's love for us,  
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

## BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

(Written by Bob Root, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018*. Used with permission.)

## COMMUNION is SHARED

## PRAYER after COMMUNION

(Adapted from Bob Root, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)

*Loving God, you invite us,  
you welcome us, you feed us,  
and we are blessed.  
Because we have been at your table,  
may we now go out  
to invite,  
to welcome,  
and to bless,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.*

## SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

### \*CLOSING HYMN: VU #481 – "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

*(Words reproduced played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(Westendorf)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,  
the people of God from this dwelling take leave.  
The supper is ended, O now be extended  
the fruits of this service in all who believe.  
The seed of Christ's teaching, receptive souls reaching,  
shall blossom in action for God and for all.  
God's grace did invite us, God's love shall unite us  
to work for the kingdom and answer its call.**
- 2 With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living,  
the tasks of our everyday life we will face.  
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,  
embracing God's children of each tribe and race.  
With your feast you feed us, with your light now lead us;  
unite us as one in this life that we share.  
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving  
give honour to Christ and the name that we bear.**

### \*SENDING FORTH

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*(Words reproduced played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(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.**

### POSTLUDE: "Miimii" (Mourning Dove)

*(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

(Barbara Assiginaak)

~Joanne Diplock