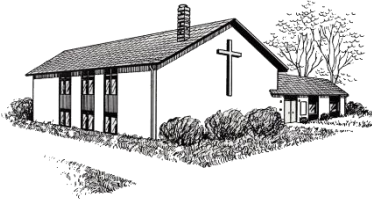


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*Our Mission...*

*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.*

21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism

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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

## 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 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.**

## CALL to WORSHIP *Karen Miller*

*(Psalm 96:1-4a, 7-10a; from VU p. 816)*

*Sing to God a new song:*

**sing your praise, all the earth.**

*Sing and bless God's holy name,  
tell the glad news of salvation from day to day.*

**Declare God's glory among the nations,  
among all the peoples God's wonderful works.**

*For great is God and greatly to be praised...*

*Ascribe to God, you families of peoples,  
ascribe to God glory and strength.*

**Ascribe glory to God's name,**

**bring an offering and enter God's courts.**

*Worship God in the beauty of holiness,  
and let the whole earth stand in awe.*

**Say among the nations: It is God who reigns!**

**\*OPENING HYMN: VU #415 – "God, We Praise You for the Morning"** (Strathdee)  
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- 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!**

### OPENING PRAYER

**O God, we gather this day  
to sing and to pray,  
to lament and to praise,  
to reflect and to wonder,  
to baptize and to bless.**

**We come together as community  
to support and encourage one another.**

**We gather as church to explore what it means**

**to be your people in the world.  
Bless us with your presence,  
encourage us by your word,  
and equip us to be your disciples,  
sharing hope and love and peace in Jesus' name.**

### 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.**

### 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

### PRAYER of CONFESSION and WORDS of ASSURANCE

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

\*HYMN: VU #644 – **"I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"**

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(Ylvisaker)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.**
- 2 I was there when you were but a child,  
with a faith to suit you well;  
in a blaze of light you wandered off  
to find where demons dwell.**
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,  
I was there to cheer you on;  
you were raised to praise the living Lord,**

to whom you now belong.

- 4 If you find someone to share your time  
and you join your hearts as one,  
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme  
from dusk till rising sun.
- 5 In the middle ages of your life,  
not too old, no longer young.  
I'll be there to guide you through the night,  
complete what I've begun.
- 6 When the evening gently closes in  
and you shut your weary eyes,  
I'll be there as I have always been  
with just one more surprise.
- 7 I was there to hear your borning cry,  
I'll be there when you are old.  
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,  
to see your life unfold.

## INTRODUCTION to BAPTISM

### PRESENTATION of CANDIDATE      *Marie Leskovjan, Member of Worship Committee*

Today, we welcome into the Church Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Sherie Dawn Mazur**

## SCRIPTURE RECORD and TEACHING

## QUESTIONS and PROMISES

## QUESTION and COMMITMENT of the CONGREGATION

*Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations,  
and to offer God's gifts of grace in baptism.*

*Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,  
promise your love, support, and care  
to the one about to be baptized,  
as she lives and grows in Christ?*

**We do, by the grace of God.**

## 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.**

## ACT of BAPTISM

### DECLARATION and WELCOME

*We receive and welcome Sherie Dawn Mazur  
into the church of Jesus Christ  
with joy and thanksgiving.  
And the people of God say "Alleluia! Amen!"  
**Alleluia! Amen!***

### CHOIR: VU #965 – "The Lord Bless Thee"

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(Mason)

~Joanne Diplock

## GIVING of CERTIFICATE and BAPTISMAL GIFTS

### PRAYER after BAPTISM (Adapted from Mary Ann Neeval and Paul J. Flucke; from *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

**Gracious God, giver of life,  
you have called us by name,  
and pledge to each of us your faithful love.  
We pray today for your blessing on Sherie.  
Watch over her and guide her  
as she continues to grow in faith.  
Remind us of the promises we have made today,  
and renew our trust in you.  
Strengthen us all to do your will,  
and to serve you in joy,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Karen Miller*

### **Matthew 22: 15-22**

*Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.*

### Words of Response:

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

**Amen.**

### CHOIR ANTHEM: *VU #453 – "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"*

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### SERMON: "The Things that are God's"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #506 – "Take My Life and Let It Be"* (Havergal/Wilkinson)

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- 1 Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**
- 2 Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.**
- 3 Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**
- 4 Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;**

**take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**5 Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

## 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 2X  
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(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. Amen.**

## PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

### SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

\*CLOSING HYMN: VU #424 – "May the God of Hope Go with Us"  
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(Schumaat)  
~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**

(Written by Robin Wardlaw; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)

*And now into God's world we go:*

**grateful for a love that holds us fast,  
ready to live our gratitude in the world,  
thankful that we have been blessed,  
and eager to be a blessing  
in all the places life calls us to be.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**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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