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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.

June 23rd, 2024
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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

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 Red River Metis. We also acknowledge that the water we use here comes from the Shoal Lake 40 First Nation. We are grateful for these first inhabitants and their stewardship of the land and its resources through the ages, and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.

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

(sung 2X)

(Good)

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~Joanne Diplock

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

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

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LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Patti Bews*

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

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

As we light this candle, we pray for peace:

peace in our hearts,

peace in our homes,

peace in our world.

As we journey with Jesus, the Prince of Peace,

O God, we pray for peace. Amen.

Scripture Reading: *Peggy Latimer*

Psalm 133 (Contemporary English Version)

*It is truly wonderful when the people of God live together in peace.
It is as beautiful as olive oil poured on Aaron's head
and running down his beard and the collar of his robe.
It is like the dew from Mount Hermon,
falling on Zion's mountains,
where the LORD has promised to bless his people with life forevermore.*

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

*Peace be with you.
And also with you.*

CALL to WORSHIP

(From the *re:Worship* blog online. Used with permission.)

*When the people were sick, Jesus healed them;
when they were hungry, Jesus fed them;
when waves threatened, Jesus calmed the waters.*

As in the past, so it is today:

Jesus heals us when we are sick;

Jesus feeds us when we are hungry;

Jesus brings peace to our stormy lives.

Let us come, seeking Jesus Christ, as we worship God.

*OPENING HYMN: *VU #664 – "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

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(Scriven/Converse)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.**
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Christ the Saviour is our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do our friends despise, forsake us?
Are we tempted to despair?
Jesus' strength will shield our weakness,
and we'll find new courage there.**

OPENING PRAYER (inspired by Mark 4:35-41)

(From the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

**Mighty God, who speaks a word of peace to calm our troubled sea;
Caring God, who nudges us away from fear and toward faith;
Ever-present God, who fills us with awe
but also raises many questions
without easy answers;
Open our eyes to see you in our boat – today,
Strengthen our hearts for the challenges that lie ahead,
Open our ears this hour to hear the word you speak.
This we pray, In Jesus' name. Amen**

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Peggy Latimer*

Mark 4: 35-41

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?' He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?' And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

Words after Scripture:

*Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God! Amen.*

PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION (based on Mark 4:35-41)

(Adapted from Connie Burkholder; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

Including response:

...we hear the invitation:

Be at peace. Be calm.

(A time of silent prayer)

**Help us to know, O God,
that the one who calmed the dangerous sea
is present with us, cares for us,
and can calm the stormy waters of our lives.
Help us to trust more fully and more deeply in you.
We pray in the name of Jesus,
who invites us to be at peace. Amen.**

***HYMN: VU #637 – "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"**
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(Hopper/Gould)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea;
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;
chart and compass come from thee,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**
- 2 As a mother stills her child,
thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boisterous waves obey thy will
when thou biddest them 'Be still.'
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**
- 3 When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful land,
still supported by thy hand,
may I hear thee say to me,
'Fear not, I will pilot thee.'**

SERMON: "Peace! Be Still!"
~Rev. Susan Reed



"[Jesus] woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!'"
(Mark 4:39)

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #652 – "Be Still, My Soul"

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(Schlegel/Sibelius)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Be still, my soul, for God is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.
Trust in your God, your saviour and your guide,
who through all changes faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul, your best, your heavenly friend
through stormy ways leads to a peaceful end.**
- 2 Be still, my soul, your God will undertake
to guide the future surely as the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul, life's tempests still obey
the voice that once the waves' wild fury stayed.**
- 3 Be still, my soul, the hour is hastening on
when we shall be forever in God's peace;
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
love's joys restored, our strivings all shall cease.
Be still, my soul, when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: VU #540 – "Grant Us, God, the Grace"

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(anonymous)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

*Offertory Prayer

(Written by Frances Flook; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2017*.)

**Loving God,
accept these gifts as thanksgiving for your many blessings.
Accept these gifts as our commitment to your kingdom.
Accept these gifts and accept our lives.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

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.**

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

POEM "Heaven's Grocery Store" *Read by Shirley Alleyne*

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #424 – **"May the God of Hope Go with Us"**

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(Schutmaat)
~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**

*COMMISSIONING

(Adapted from David Sparks, from Prayers to Share: Year B.)

May the peace of God be your peace as you leave this church:

**peace in the midst of struggle,
peace in the midst of stormy seas,
peace in the midst of despair,
peace when hard times come into our lives,
peace when there is conflict,
peace when world events bring unrest and fear.**

*May the peace of God,
which at the end of the day passes all understanding,
be with each one of you, and with us all. Amen.*

***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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~Joanne Diplock