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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 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The United Church of Canada  
**Celebration Sunday**

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*\*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

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.*

CALL to WORSHIP *(Written by Keri K. Wehlander; from *Circles of Grace: Worship and Prayers in the Everyday.*)*  
*(Repeat-after-me)*

\*OPENING REFRAIN: #92 MV – "Like a Rock" *(sung 2X)*  
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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.**

## LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Sven Lindsay*

*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.***

## SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

*Peace be with you.*

*And also with you.*

## INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

### \*OPENING HYMN: VU #412 – "This is the Day"

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(Hobbs/Nixon)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.**
- 2 Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;  
we will go in, we will go in,  
to your holy place, to your holy place.  
Open to us your gates, O God,  
we will go in to your holy place.  
Open to us, open to us  
your gates, O God.**
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;  
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,  
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.  
You are our God, we will praise your name,  
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.**

**You are our God, you are our God,  
we will praise your name.**

**4 This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made, that our God has made;  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.  
This is the day that our God has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.  
This is the day, this is the day  
that our God has made.**

### OPENING PRAYER

(Adapted from Jamie Miller; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2020*.)

**Holy God, here we are,  
ready to worship and celebrate this day!  
Open our minds to possibility.  
Open our hearts to love freely.  
Open our hands to each other.  
Work through us, we pray,  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

### CONVERSATION TIME

SUNDAY SCHOOL RECOGNITION *Grant McMillan ~ Chair, Christian Education Committee*

SUNG REFRAIN: VU #958 – "Halle, Halle, Halle" *(sung twice)* (The Iona Community)  
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**Halle, halle, Hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah! 2X**

### THE GERITOL GRANNIES & FRIENDS

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

Scripture Reader: *Sydney Lewicki*

**Psalm 138** *VU p. 860 (Read responsively, with refrain)*

Sung Refrain: **We worship in your holy place  
and praise you for your truth and grace.**

*I praise you, O God, with all my heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praises.*

**I bow down toward your holy temple  
and praise your name for your love and faithfulness;**

*for you have exalted your name  
and your word above everything.*

**On the day that I called, you answered me,  
and put new strength in my soul. R**

*All earth's rulers shall praise you,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.*

**They shall sing of your ways, O God,  
sing that your glory is great.**

*For though you are high, you care for the lowly.*

**As for the proud, you humble them from afar. R**

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve me;  
**you stretch out your hand against my enemies' rage;  
your powerful hand delivers me.***

*You will fulfil your purpose for me.*

**Your love, O God, is eternal.**

**Do not leave unfinished the work of your hands. R**

### **Psalm 138**

(From *The Message*)

*Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"*

*Angels listen as I sing my thanks.*

*I kneel in worship facing your holy temple  
and say it again: "Thank you!"*

*Thank you for your love,  
thank you for your faithfulness;*

*Most holy is your name,  
most holy is your Word.*

*The moment I called out, you stepped in;  
you made my life large with strength.*

*When they hear what you have to say, GOD,  
all earth's kings will say "Thank you."*

*They'll sing of what you've done:  
"How great the glory of GOD!"*

*And here's why: GOD, high above, sees far below;  
no matter the distance, he knows everything about us.*

*When I walk into the thick of trouble,  
keep me alive in the angry turmoil.*

*With one hand  
strike my foes,*

*With your other hand  
save me.*

*Finish what you started in me, GOD.  
Your love is eternal—don't quit on me now.*

Words of Response:

*Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.*

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

REFLECTION: "Gratitude, Celebration, and Hope"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

\*STATEMENT 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.**

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #602 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"*

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*(Fawcett/Mason)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Blest be the tie that binds  
our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind  
is like to that above.**
- 2 Before our Maker's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.**

- 3 We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.**
- 4 This glorious hope revives  
our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love  
in God's eternal day.**

## 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

(From the 99<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service for The United Church of Canada.)

Written by Penny Nelson and Michelle Armstrong, in consultation with Marcia McFee, PhD, [worshipdesignstudio.com](http://worshipdesignstudio.com))

*Gracious God, we believe that you are calling us forward into a new day.*

**We believe that you have a future  
for North Kildonan United Church,  
and The United Church of Canada  
that is rooted in your abundant life,  
and we trust you with this future,  
even though it's beyond the horizon of our dreams.**

*So, we offer you the blessings you have already given us –  
our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes –*

*so that you might use them and transform them for the good of your whole world.*

**May these gifts be a blessing  
to the people of North Kildonan, Winnipeg, and beyond!  
All this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen!**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (inspired by Psalm 138)

(Adapted from Jeff Shrowder; found on the *re:Worship* blog 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.**

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

**\*CLOSING HYMN: VU #595 – "We Are Pilgrims"**

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(Gillard)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**
- 2 Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping,  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow,  
till we've seen this journey through.**
- 5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**
- 6 Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

GRACE before LUNCH

(Verse 1 words by Manfred Wester, from VU 551; Verse 2 words by Rev. John Haas.)

**For food in a world where many walk in hunger;  
for faith in a world where many walk in fear;  
for friends in a world where many walk alone;  
we give you humble thanks, O God.  
For food in this world so none will walk in hunger;  
for faith and not fear so all may walk in joy;**

**may all become friends so no one walks alone;  
this is our work and prayer, O God.**

\***SENDING FORTH** (Written by Keri K. Wehlander; from *Circles of Grace: Worship and Prayers in the Everyday.*)  
(Repeat-after-me)

\***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.**

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

~Joanne Diplock

Everyone is welcome to join us after worship for a Barbecue Lunch outside  
(or downstairs in case of bad weather)  
See you there!