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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.*

July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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 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.*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Peggy Latimer*

*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.*

CALL to WORSHIP

*God open our spirits and fill us with light*

**Open our hearts and fill us with love**

*Open our minds that we may receive you with love and compassion*

**May we worship and praise you and call to you to hear our prayers**

*Open our souls to wait for your hope and steadfast love*

**God remind us of your loving presence**

**and bring our hearts to this place**

**with praise and thanksgiving.**

**\*OPENING HYMN: VU #357 – "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus"**

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(Parker/Challinor)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear,  
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:  
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**
- 2 First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,  
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;  
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,  
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.**
- 3 Tell me, in accents of wonder, how rolled the sea  
tossing the boat in a tempest on Galilee!  
And how the Master, ready and kind,  
chided the billows and hushed the wind.**
- 4 Into the city I'd follow the children's band,  
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;  
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing  
loudest hosannas! Jesus is king!**
- 5 Show me that scene in the garden of bitter pain;  
and of the cross where my Saviour for me was slain.  
Sad ones or bright ones, so that they be  
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**God, we praise you and welcome your presence in our lives.**

**We yearn for your love and grace.**

**We seek your wisdom and guidance.**

**We relish the joy within our hearts when you are with us.**

**Remind us to share the hope and joy of your love**

**to someone who hungers for spiritual food.**

**Shine the light of your spirit through us**

**and revise hope in those who have lost their way.**

**Be with us as we celebrate your presence with us today.**

**In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

# LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Peggy Latimer*

## **2 Samuel 11: 1-5**

*In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*

*It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, 'This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite.' So David sent messengers to fetch her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, 'I am pregnant.'*

## **Psalm 14**

*To the leader. Of David.*

*Fools say in their hearts, 'There is no God.'*

*They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;  
there is no one who does good.*

*The LORD looks down from heaven on humankind  
to see if there are any who are wise,  
who seek after God.*

*They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse;  
there is no one who does good,  
no, not one.*

*Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers  
who eat up my people as they eat bread,  
and do not call upon the LORD?*

*There they shall be in great terror,  
for God is with the company of the righteous.*

*You would confound the plans of the poor,  
but the LORD is their refuge.*

*O that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion!  
When the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.*

## **John 6: 1-21**

*After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy*

*bread for these people to eat?’ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, ‘Six months’ wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ‘There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?’ Jesus said, ‘Make the people sit down.’ Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, ‘Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.’ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, ‘This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.’ When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.*

*When evening came, his disciples went down to the lake, got into a boat, and started across the lake to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The lake became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the lake and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, ‘It is I; do not be afraid.’ Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land towards which they were going.*

### **Ephesians 3: 14-21**

*For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.*

### Words of Response:

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

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### \*HYMN: VU #675 – **"Will Your Anchor Hold"**

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(Owens/Kirkpatrick)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?  
When the clouds unfold their wings of strife,  
when the strong tides lift and the cables strain,**

**will your anchor drift or firm remain?**

**We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
steadfast and sure while the billows roll,  
fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love!**

- 2 It will surely hold in the straits of fear,  
when the breakers tell that the reef is near;  
though the tempest rave and the wild winds blow,  
not an angry wave shall our bark o'erflow. R**
- 3 It will surely hold in the floods of death,  
when the waters cold chill our latest breath;  
on the rising tide it can never fail  
while our hopes abide within the veil. R**
- 4 When our eyes behold, through the gathering night,  
the city of gold, our harbour bright,  
we shall anchor fast by the heavenly shore,  
with the storms all past for evermore. R**

REFLECTION: "Feeding the Masses"

*~Gay Todd*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

\*Offertory Hymn: #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

**God of joy and love divine,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
Enrich our lives through the gifts of your spirit,  
that we may faithfully follow the way of Christ.  
May we serve you and one another  
with conviction and courage,  
joy and freedom,  
with a song in our hearts and a smile upon our faces.  
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

**\*HYMN: VU #670 – "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

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(Dorsey/Allen)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand,  
lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
through the storm, through the night,  
lead me on to the light:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 2 When my way grows drear,  
precious Lord, linger near,  
when my life is almost gone,  
hear my cry, hear my call,  
hold my hand lest I fall:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 3 When the darkness appears,  
and the night draws near,  
and the day is past and gone,  
at the river I stand,  
guide my feet, hold my hand:  
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

*Loving God, source of all life, be near to those who suffer in time of weakness and pain as You have for us in our hours of need. Those who suffer from mental or physical illness. Those who suffer due to job loss or poverty. Those who are in war torn countries. Relieve them of their burden and heal them, if it be your will. Give peaceful sleep to those who need rest for soul or body and be with them in their hours of silence. Bless those who know not what another day will bring. Make them ready for whatever it may be: whether they must stand, sit or be confined, grant them a strong spirit. Inspire with Your love those who bring healing and care to the suffering – the Doctors, nurses and home care workers. May they bestow your gifts of health and strength wherever they go. We offer up this pray to You today in thanksgiving and love for the blessings you have bestowed upon us so many times in our lives, especially now in these hours of need. We also want to praise You and ask your blessing for this Community in Christ you have given unto us. God hear our prayers and speak to our hearts. You are with us in times of joy and times of grief. You comfort and guide us in times of fear and times of strength. You remind us of your love and that you are always with us. You lead us in the way of justice, compassion and peace; calling us to find You in our neighbour's needs as well. We thank you for the many Blessings you have given us. Thank You God for bringing us all into the healing light of Your everlasting Love. God, we come to You to ask blessings for each and every one of us. \*\*We especially pray for (names)\*\**

*God, we pray You continue to love, guide and protect this Community of faith. Grant this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen*

## 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 #232 – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**

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*(van Dyke/Beethoven)*

*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.**
- 3 You are giving and forgiving,  
ever blessing, ever blest,  
wellspring of the joy of living,  
ocean depth of happy rest!  
Source of grace and fount of blessing,  
let your light upon us shine;  
teach us how to love each other,  
lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals join the mighty chorus  
which the morning stars began;  
God's own love is reigning o'er us,  
joining people hand in hand.  
Ever singing, march we onward,  
victors in the midst of strife;  
joyful music leads us sunward  
in the triumph song of life.**

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**Let us go now with laughter in your eyes,  
a smile on our faces,  
merriment in our souls,  
love in our hearts  
and may we share the joy that God has given us.**

**\*BLESSING**

*Rejoice in the life of our risen Christ.  
Rejoice in the power of the Spirit.  
Live in the love of God, serving in His name.  
Bless your family and friends and those who are strangers.*

**\*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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