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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.

August 11th, 2024
12th 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

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.

OPENING REFRAIN: #7 MV – "Gather Us In"

(sung 2X)

(Hann/Fines)

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~Joanne Diplock

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,

Ground us, ground us in you.

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Heidi McIlwain*

*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 (Based on John 6)

(Written by Nancy C. Townley, from the *Ministry Matters* website; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

Hungering and thirsting, we come to the Lord.

Jesus is the living bread!

Feed us with your love and healing power, O Lord.

Give us the bread of hope

and compassion that we may also feed others.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your compassion for us.

Praise be to you, O Lord, for your steadfast love.

OPENING PRAYER (Inspired by John 6:35)

(Written by Bonnie Tarwater; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

God of healing and transformation,

we hunger and thirst for your abundant life.

We bring you our sorrow

and ask for the bread of joy;

we bring you our despair

and ask for the bread of hope;

we bring you our weariness

and ask for the bread of inspiration.

Meet us here.

We need the bread of heaven to sustain us,

as we journey to find our way,

that we may we be one with you.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN: *VU #651 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"* (Williams/Hughes)
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**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.**

**I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.**

**Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;**

let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Heidi McIlwain*

John 6: 35, 41-51

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' They were saying, 'Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus answered them, 'Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, "And they shall all be taught by God." Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

SUNG VERSE: #194 MV – **"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"**

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(Spencer/Gunn)

~Joanne Diplock

1. **Bread of life, feed my soul,
as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.
Bread of life, fill my heart
with the grace and mercy you impart.**

Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Words after Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION (Based on Psalm 130 and Ephesians 4)

(From the *Ministry Matters* website; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

**O God of compassion,
if you kept a record of our sins,
who could stand?
We come before you with our brokenness
and our wounds for all to see.
We bring our anger, our bitterness,
our unwholesome talk,
and our deceitfulness.
We try to do good,
but sometimes fail.
We choose to do evil,
and sometimes succeed.
Keep your promise to forgive us
when we confess to you completely.
Without you, we have no hope.**

SILENT PRAYER

WORDS of ASSURANCE (Based on Psalm 130)

(Adapted from Christine Longhurst; from the *re:Worship* blog.)

SERMON: "How Then Shall We Live?" (Part Two)

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #594 – "O Christian, Love"

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(Whittier/Scott-Gatty)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 O Christian, love your sister and your brother!
Where pity dwells, the peace of God is there;
to worship rightly is to love each other,
each smile a hymn, each kindly deed a prayer.**
- 2 Follow with reverent steps the great example:
Jesus whose holy work was doing good;
so shall the wide earth seem a hallowed temple,
each loving life a psalm of gratitude.**
- 3 Then shall all shackles fall; the stormy clangour
of wild war-music o'er the earth shall cease;
love shall tread out the baleful fire of anger,
and in its ashes plant the tree of peace.**

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: #191 MV – "What Can I Do?"

sung 2X

(Rumbolt/McCarthy)

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~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 Thom Shuman; from *Lectionary Liturgies* online.)

**May we imitate your generosity, Gracious God,
as we offer these gifts to you.
May we model your justice,
as we seek to bring hope to the broken all around us.
May we share the gift of your love
with all who are alone and hurting,
and simply looking for grace in their lives.
This we pray in the name of our Bread, Jesus Christ. 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

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

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*(Gillard/Pulkingham)
~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.**

***COMMISSIONING**

*(Adapted from Bob Root & Co., from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2021.*)*

**And now may the blessing of a second chance,
the deepening awareness of God's presence within and all around,
the strength that comes through faith,
and the abundance of God's love shared with others
be with each of us as we leave this time and place of worship,**

**to be a blessing in all the places life call us to be.
Let us go in love, for we are loved. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION

(Written by Moira Laidlaw; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

*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.**

(Price/Besig)
~Joanne Diplock

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