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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 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Toonie 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.*

\*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 *Sheron Miller*

*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 (inspired by Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6)

(Adapted from Thom Shuman; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

*Lead a life worthy of the calling  
to which you are called:*

**We cannot do this alone,  
we dare not try this alone,  
so we gather as God's people.**

*Lead a life worthy of your calling,  
a life filled with service and meekness.*

**We come to build up Christ's Body,  
in humility and gentleness,  
with patience and love.**

*Lead a life which reflects your calling,  
that life of peace grounded in the Spirit.*

**We rejoice in our oneness in Christ;  
we would share the grace offered to us.**

*Live a life worthy of the calling  
to which you have been called.*

**We gather as God's family,  
waiting to be fed by the Bread of life.**

## \*OPENING HYMN: VU #402 – "We Are One"

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(Lankshear-Smith/Sam)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 We are one as we come,  
as we come, joyful to be here,  
in the praise on our lips  
there's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
as we seek, we are found;  
and we come needful of God's grace  
as we meet, together in this place.**
- 2 We are one as we share,  
as we share brokenness and fear,  
in the touch of a hand  
there's a sense that God is here.**

**We are one as we care,  
as we heal, we are healed;  
and we share warmth in God's embrace  
as we pray together in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,  
as we hear, heart and hand unite;  
in the word we receive  
there's a sense that God is light.  
We are one as we leave,  
as we love, we are loved;  
and we seek justice in God's ways  
as we move together from this place.**

### OPENING PRAYER

(From the Church of Scotland *Weekly Worship* resources; found online.)

**We gather today as a body of your people:  
from different ages and stages,  
with varied gifts and passions,  
unique histories and circumstances,  
yet united by our shared faith,  
our living hope,  
and the strong bonds of your love.  
We come hungry for the food we need to receive:  
the words of challenge and encouragement,  
the greater sense of purpose,  
and the call to action.  
Jesus, bread of life,  
feed us this day, we pray. Amen.**

### CONVERSATION TIME

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

### PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION (Psalm 51:1-6, 9-12)

(From *Voices United* p. 776)

*Have mercy on me, O God, in your great kindness,  
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.  
Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults, and my sin in always before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned, and done evil in your sight,  
so that you are justified in your sentence,  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Guilty I have been from my birth,  
a sinner from the time of my conception.*

**But you desire truth in our inward being,  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

*Turn away your face from my sins,  
**and blot out my iniquities.***

*Put a new heart in me, O God,  
**and give me a constant spirit.***

*Do not cast me away from your presence,  
**do not take your holy spirit from me.***

*Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**and strengthen me with a willing spirit.***

## SILENT PRAYER

## WORDS of ASSURANCE

Scripture Reader: *Sheron Miller*

### **John 6: 24-35**

*So when the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.*

*When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'*

*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.'*

## 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: 1-16**

*I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.*

*But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,*

*'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;  
he gave gifts to his people.'*

*(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.*

### Words after Scripture:

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

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

### AFFIRMATION of FAITH (based on Ephesians 4:1-16)

*(Adapted from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2009*; from the *Ministry Matters* website.)*

*There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.*

**The hope in our lives is Jesus.**

*There is one hope, one calling, to which we are called.*

**The call we must answer is God's.**

*There is one faith, one hope, one Lord of us all.*

**The Lord of our lives is Jesus.**

*There is one baptism, one Father, one Mother of all.*

**The creator who calls us is God.**

*We are one body, one family, one church,*

**woven by the Spirit with bonds of peace.**  
*With Christ's children throughout all of this earth,*  
**we are one body in unity and love.**

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

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

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(Fawcett/Nägeli)

~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: #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

**O God, we offer you these gifts,  
and we offer you our very selves.  
Bless all that we offer,  
and use it and us for your work in the world.  
In the name and way of Jesus, 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

### **\*CLOSING HYMN: #154 MV – "Deep in Our Hearts"**

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(Oldham/Klusmeier)  
~Joanne Diplock

- 1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
Telling Creation that we are one.**
- 2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
Justice and peace in harmony.**
- 3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**
- 4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
Telling Creation that we are one.**

### **\*COMMISSIONING**

*(Adapted from Thom Shuman, from *Lectionary Liturgies* online.)*

*Let us go into the world with God's gifts.*

**May we perform God's works of mercy and life.**

*Let us go into the world with the Bread of Heaven in our hands.*

**May we share Christ's grace, which gives life.**

*Let us go as one body of faith and fellowship.*

**May we witness to the one Spirit of hope and faith.**

### **\*BENEDICTION**

*(Adapted from Elizabeth Dilley, from *Worship Ways*, found on the *re:Worship* blog.)*

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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(Price/Besig)

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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.**

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

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