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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.

September 29th, 2024
19th Sunday after Pentecost
~ Creation Time 4 ~

Blessing of the Stuffies and the Pet Pictures
Orange Shirt Sunday

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 *Grace Atkins*

*(Written by Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2019*.)*

We are a people of light.

We are called to bring light

into all the shadowed places of living.

We light this candle,

remembering that Jesus is the light of the world.

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.

PEACE PATTERN *(As we shift from sharing the peace to continuing in worship)*

CREATION MOMENT "Creation Requests: Lend Me Your Voice!"

CALL to WORSHIP *(Adapted from Scott Martin; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2020.*)*

God created the heavens and the earth.

God made it all, and it is good.

God gave us darkness and light, night and day.

God made it all, and it is good.

*God created plants and animals, birds and humans,
water, land, and sky.*

God made it all. Praise be to God!

Let us worship our Creator God together.

*OPENING HYMN: VU #291 – "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

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(Alexander/Shaw)

~Joanne Diplock

**All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful:
in love, God made them all.**

- 1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their tiny wings. R**
- 2 The purpleheaded mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky; R**
- 3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden:
God made them every one. R**
- 4 The rocky mountain splendour,
the lone wolf's haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall; R**

**5 God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God our maker,
who has made all things well. R**

OPENING PRAYER

(Written by Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2017*.)

*God of all life,
your hands touch Creation, and it moves;
your heart beats, and life pulses anew;
your Spirit dances, and the world is changed!*

**In this time together,
help us to move, to live, to be changed,
by your love, for the sake of all Creation.
In Christ's name, we ask it. Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

**A blessing of our stuffed animals*

**A blessing of our pet pictures*

*HYMN: #37 MV – "Each Blade of Grass"

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(Wehlander)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,
make full the circle of God.
Each laughing child, every gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
make full the circle of God.**
- 2 Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honey'd comb,
make full the circle of God.
Each fire-brimmed star, ev'ry outstretched hand,
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,
make full the circle of God.**
- 3 Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,
make full the circle of God.
Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,
all form the beauty of this vast array,
make full the circle of God.**

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Gay Todd*

Mark 9: 38-50

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

Words after Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

VIDEO: "Moderator's 2024 Orange Shirt Day Message"

CHOIR ANTHEM: "***The Reconciliation Song***"

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~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "What We Do Matters"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #172 MV – "***God Says***"

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(Bittner)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1. God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen you will know
I'm with you always where you go."**
- 2. God says, "Look up and see the prize
I've placed here right before your eyes."**

- Find beauty in the things of earth,
a cause for wonder and rebirth.”
3. God says, “Come here! I need your voice.
Please teach my people to rejoice.
In who you are, in what you do,
your life will show my love for you.”
4. God says, “Reach out! The world’s in need
and wants a word, a song, a deed.
I send you forth to speak, to sing,
to act for Christ in everything.”

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Doxology: VU #541 – **“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”**

(Ken)

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~Joanne Diplock

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*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: #209 MV – "Go, Make a Diff'rence"

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(Angrisano/Tomaszek)

~Joanne Diplock

**Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

- 1 We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**
- 2 We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**
- 3 So let your love shine on,
let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the spirit of Christ
will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R**

*SENDING FORTH

*(Written by Philip Aldis; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)*

**By God's amazing grace, we are grounded in love –
love for the earth and for all of creation,
love for our neighbour and for one another,
love for God, the author of love.
We go now to share that love in the world. Amen.**

*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.**

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~Joanne Diplock