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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.*

November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024  
24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Sacrament of Holy Baptism  
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 WORDS

*God is good...*

**All the time!**

*All the time...*

**God is good!**

OPENING REFRAIN: #104 MV – "Know that God is Good"

(Bumba)

(Luganda X2, French X1 Swahili 1X English 1X)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

**Katonda mulungi,**

**katonda mulungi,**

**katonda mulungi,**

**mulungi, mulungi. (2X)**

**C'est vrai : Dieu est bon!**

**C'est vrai : Dieu est bon!**

**C'est vrai : Dieu est bon!**

**Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon! (1X)**

**Mungu ni mwema,**

**mungu ni mwema,**

**mungu ni mwema,**

**ni mwema, ni mwema. (1X)**

**Know that God is good,**

**know that God is good,**

**know that God is good,**

**God is good, God is good. (1X)**

### LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *Kathy Leech*

*(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

*And 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)*

### CALL to WORSHIP (Inspired by Mark 12:30-31, among others)

*(Written by Rev. Mindi; found on the re:Worship blog online.)*

*We are called to love the Lord our God –*

**we are called to love with all our heart and soul.**

*We are called to love the Lord our God –*

**we are called to love with all our mind and strength.**

*We are called to love the Lord our God –*

**and we are called to love our neighbour as ourselves.**

*Come, let us love our God  
and share God's love in this time of worship.*

**\*OPENING HYMN: VU #316 – "Praise Our Maker"**

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(Hobbs/Bonner)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:  
God is love, God is love!  
Praise our Maker, peoples of one family:  
God is love, God is love!**
- 2 Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:  
God is love, God is love!  
Love our Saviour, followers of Jesus:  
God is love, God is love!**
- 3 Care for others, children of the Spirit:  
God is love, God is love!  
Care for others, children of the Spirit:  
God is love, God is love!**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Katie Cook; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

CONVERSATION TIME

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

CHOIR ANTHEM: VU #453 – "Out of Deep, Unordered Water"

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(Kaan/Klusmeier)

~Joanne Diplock

INTRODUCTION to BAPTISM

PRESENTATION of CANDIDATES *Marie Leskovjan, Member of Worship Committee*

Today, we welcome into the Church Family through the Sacrament of Baptism:

**Megan Rae Karle** (née Taylor)

*and*

**Jeffrey Joseph Karle**

SCRIPTURE RECORD and TEACHING

QUESTIONS and PROMISES

\*QUESTION and COMMITMENT of the CONGREGATION

*Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations,  
and to offer God's gifts of grace in baptism.*

*Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament,  
promise your love, support, and care  
to the ones about to be baptized,*

*as they live and grow in Christ?*

**We do, by the grace of God.**

\*AFFIRMATION 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.**

## ACT of BAPTISM

### DECLARATION and WELCOME

*We receive and welcome Megan Rae Karle/Jeffrey Joseph Karle  
into the church of Jesus Christ  
with joy and thanksgiving.*

*And the people of God say "Alleluia! Amen!"*

**Alleluia! Amen!**

### GIVING of CERTIFICATE and BAPTISMAL GIFTS

PRAYER after BAPTISM (Adapted from Mary Ann Neeval and Paul J. Flucke; from *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

**Gracious God, giver of life,  
you have called us by name,  
and pledge to each of us your faithful love.**

**We pray today for your blessing on Megan and on Jeff.**

**Watch over them and guide them  
as they continue to grow in faith.**

**Remind us of the promises we have made today,  
and renew our trust in you.**

**Strengthen us all to do your will,  
and to serve you in joy,  
through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**CHOIR HYMN: VU #965 – "The Lord Bless Thee and Keep Thee"** (Mason)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

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

**Scripture Reader:** *Del Sexsmith*

**Psalm 146** VU p. 868 (Read responsively)

*Praise God, O my soul. As long as I live I will praise God.*

**Yes, as long as I have life I will sing praises to God.**

*Put not your trust in princes, nor in any mortal,  
for in them there is no help.*

**When they breathe their last they return to dust;  
then their plans come to nothing.**

*Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,*

**whose hope is the Maker of heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them,**

*the One who keeps faith for ever,*

**who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry.**

*God sets prisoners free, restores sight to the blind.*

**God straightens those who are bent;  
loves those who are just.**

*God cares for the stranger in the land,  
and sustains the widow and orphan;*

**but the way of the wicked God turns to ruin.**

*God shall reign forever, O Zion,*

**your God for all generations.**

**Mark 12: 28-34**

*Prior to this morning's passage, Jesus had been teaching. Scripture tells us that some Pharisees, Herodians, and Sadducees were sent to trap Jesus in what he said. It is following those passages that this morning's passage comes. As we begin, some of the people, and it sounds like Jesus and the Sadducees in particular, are caught up in a dispute. This morning's verses come from Mark 12:28-34.*

*One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, [the scribe] asked [Jesus], 'Which commandment is the first of all?' Jesus answered, 'The first is, "Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength." The second is this, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." There is no other commandment greater than these.' Then the*

*scribe said to him, 'You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that "he is one, and besides him there is no other"; and "to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength", and "to love one's neighbour as oneself", —this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.' When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' After that no one dared to ask him any question.*

### Words after Scripture:

*May God grant us understanding of these words of scripture.*

**Amen.**

SERMON: "What the World Needs Now..."

*~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.**

### STEWARDSHIP FOCUS

Committee of Stewards

*~Clayton Gording*

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Based on Mark 12:28-34)

*(Written by Selina Mullin; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)*

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

\*Offertory Hymn: VU #537 – "**Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands**" (Laufer/Dougall)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.**

**2 Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

**\*Offertory Prayer** (Written by Thom Shuman; from *Lectionary Liturgies* online.)

**As we offer our gifts,  
our hearts, our lives to you,  
may we see your kingdom of hope and wonder,  
of healing and kindness unfolding in our midst.  
This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

MINUTE for OUTREACH ~*Shirley Alleyne*

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 #424 – "May the God of Hope Go With Us"**

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(Schumaat)

~*Joanne Diplock*

- 1 May the God of hope go with us every day,  
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.  
May the God of justice speed us on our way,  
bringing light and hope to every land and race.  
Praying, let us work for peace,  
singing, share our joy with all,  
working for a world that's new,  
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**
- 2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,  
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.  
May the God of love keep our commitment clear  
to a world restored, to human life renewed. R**

\*COMMISSIONING

(Written by Robin Wardlaw; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021.*)

*And now into God's world we go:*

**grateful for a love that holds us fast,**  
*ready to live our gratitude in the world,*  
**thankful that we have been blessed,**  
*and eager to be a blessing*  
**in all the places life calls us to be.**

\*BLESSING

\*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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