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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.

October 20th, 2024
22nd 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 WORDS

God is good...

All the time!

All the time...

God is good!

OPENING REFRAIN: #104 MV – "Know that God is Good" (Swahili 2X English 1X)(Bumba)

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~Joanne Diplock

**Mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,
ni mwema, ni mwema. (2X)**

**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 Lilly Miller

(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

(Adapted from Elaine Bidgood Sveet; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2019*.)

Praise God, it is Sunday!

Praise God, we are here!

Praise God, in this place, at this time.

This is the day that God has made.

We are the people that God has made.

And we are made to worship.

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN: #30 MV – "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (Duck/Klusmeier)
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**1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The gray whale sings in the sea,**

Refrain:

**And by the Spirit, you and I
Can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

2. **It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
When high tides break on the shore. R**
3. **It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
The summer breeze joins the song. R**
4. **It's a chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings, R**

OPENING PRAYER (Written by Ali Anningson, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018*.)

**Holy One, as geese honk overhead,
as orange globes fill the pumpkin patch,
as the landscape is painted with reds and golds,
may we be filled with gratitude.**

**May we be thankful for the earth that is alive around us,
for families and friends that give us life,
for all that makes life good.**

**May we give our thanks freely,
so all around us may feel your presence.**

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

- Blessing of the Backpacks & School Bags
- Blessing of the Work, Activity, Sport, and Every Day Bags

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Scotty McLaren*

Psalm 104: 1-9, 24, 35c VU p. 826 (Read responsively)

Praise God, O my soul.

Eternal God, you are great indeed.

You clothe yourself with light like a garment.

You spread the heavens like a tent;

you lay out the beams of your dwelling on the waters above.

You make the clouds your chariot,

and ride on the wings of the wind.

You make the winds your messengers,

and flames of fire your servants.

You fix the earth on its foundations,

so that it can never tremble.

You cover the earth with the ocean as with a cloak.

*When the waters covered the mountains,
they fled at your rebuke;*

at the sound of your thunder, they took flight.

*They flowed over the mountains, ran down the valleys
to the place you had appointed for them.*

**There you set limits not to be passed,
that they might not again cover the earth.**

O God, how manifold are your works!

Praise the Lord!

Mark 10: 35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Words after Scripture:

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: VU #578 – "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

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(Duck/Haugen)

~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: "True Greatness"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #603 – "In Loving Partnership We Come" (Strathdee)

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**1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.**

**Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.**

- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.**
- 3 Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.
The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.**
- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.**

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS The Unified Board ~Del Sexsmith

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by Beth W. Johnston from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2020*.)

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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- 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 Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

**Gracious God,
we know that our gifts make a difference to each other
and to others in your world.
We give to support the ministry of this congregation.
We give to support your ministry of love in the world.
We give that others might live with hope.
Receive and bless our gifts,
and with them, the offerings of our hearts.
We ask it in Jesus' name. 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 Gill LeFevre, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2020*.)

**Let us go forth from here
with a renewed sense of service to God
and a deepened awareness of God's gifts to us.
Let us head into this week with replenished hearts and minds,
assured of God's love for us and for all of God's children.
Together, we are nurtured and inspired to grow and love
and serve the Lord. Amen.**

*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.**

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