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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 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
Reformation 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 & INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

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" (French X2 Swahili 1X English 1X)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

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

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

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

**Dieu est bon! Dieu est bon! (2X)**

**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 *Kris Richardson*

*(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 *(Based on Psalm 46: 1, 7)*

*God is our refuge and strength,  
**a very present help in times of trouble.**  
The God of hosts is with us!  
**The God of Jacob is our refuge!**  
Come, and let us worship God together!*

\*OPENING HYMN: VU #331 – "The Church's One Foundation"

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*(Stone/Wesley)  
~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;  
we are his new creation by water and the Word;  
from heaven he came and sought us that we might ever be  
his living servant people, by his own death set free.**
- 2 Called forth from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;  
one charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.**

- One holy name professing and at one table fed,  
to one hope always pressing, by Christ's own Spirit led.**
- 3 Though with a scornful wonder the world sees us oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, 'How long?'  
But soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.**
- 4 Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,  
we wait the consummation of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious our longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

OPENING PRAYER (Written by Ryan Slifka; found on The United Church of Canada website.)

*... Just when we think all is settled, everything is finished, closed,  
your power and presence explodes on to the scene yet again,  
bringing newness, bringing life.*

**Fill us with your power and presence, O God,  
so we may, like our grandparents in faith  
carry your truth, your beauty, and your justice  
to the world you so love – a world in such need.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## CONVERSATION TIME

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS Christian Education Committee ~Grant McMillan

## LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: Carol Barrett

**Psalm 34: 1-8** VU p. 761 (Read responsively)

*I will bless God at all times,  
God's praise will continually be in my mouth.*

**My soul will glory in God,  
the humble will hear and be glad.**

*O magnify God with me,  
let us exalt God's name together.*

**I sought God, who answered me,  
and freed me from all my fears.**

*Look to the Most High, and let your light shine,  
and your faces will not be ashamed.*

**This poor soul cried out and God heard,  
and saved me from all my troubles.**

*Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you  
and delivers them.*

**Taste and see that our God is good.  
Happy are those who take refuge in God.**

**Mark 10: 46-52**

*They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, 'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!' Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!' Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.' And they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?' The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.' Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.*

Words after Scripture:

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

**Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

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*~Joanne Diplock*

SERMON: "Reforming and Re-Forming"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #371 – "Open My Eyes, That I May See" (Scott)

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- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**
- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;**

**open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by Ryan Slifka; found on The United Church of Canada website.)

## 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 Ryan Slifka; found on The United Church of Canada website.)

**Receive these gifts, O God.  
Use them to reform this community of faith  
as you remake the world in your image.  
We ask this 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 #266 – "Amazing Grace"

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(Newton)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
this word my hope secures;  
God will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.**
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we'd first begun.**

### \*COMMISSIONING

(Words attributed to John Wesley.)

### \*SENDING FORTH *(From Common Prayer: From Conflict to Communion. Lutheran-Catholic Common Commemoration of the Reformation in 2017.)*

*For all that God can do within us,  
for all that God can do without us,*

**thanks be to God!**

*For all in whom Christ lived before us,  
for all in whom Christ lives beside us,*

**thanks be to God!**

*For all the Spirit wants to bring us,  
for where the Spirit wants to send us,*

**thanks be to God!**

*The blessing of God – Creator, Christ, and Spirit,  
be with you and on your way together, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

**\*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

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

~Joanne Diplock