

North Kildonan United Church
174 Pentland St, Winnipeg, MB R2G 2S3
Church Office: 204-667-7408
email: nkuc@mymts.net
www.nkuc.ca



Minister: *Rev. Susan Reed*
Pianist/Choir Director: *Joanne Diplock*
Office Administrator: *Wilma Fehr*
Property Manager: *Heinz Goetz*

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 17th, 2024
26th 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"

(Bumba)

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

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

~Joanne Diplock

**Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good. (1X)**

**Mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,**

ni mwema, ni mwema. (1X)

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)

Katonda mulungi,

katonda mulungi,

katonda mulungi,

mulungi, mulungi. (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 *Diane McDonald*

*(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 Hebrews 10:19-22)

*(Author unknown, adapted slightly; from the *re:Worship* blog online.)*

We gather together to worship,

knowing that God is already here among us;

knowing that there is nothing that separates us

from the presence of God.

Wherever we are, wherever we go, God is near.

*So let us enter into this service of worship
with confidence and hope,
knowing that God is already with us,
and stands eager to meet us and bless us with love.
Come, and let us worship God together.*

***OPENING HYMN: #145 MV – "Draw the Circle Wide"**

(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)

(Light/Bloss)
~Joanne Diplock

**Draw the circle wide.
Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song,
no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.**

- 1. God the still point of the circle
'round whom all creation turns
Nothing lost but held forever
In God's gracious arms. R**
- 2. Let our hearts touch far horizons,
So encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders
Faithful to God's call. R**
- 3. Let the dreams we dream be larger,
Than we've ever dreamed before'
Let the dream of Christ be in us
Open every door. R**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Laura Turnbull; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

**God of many names,
in these uncertain times,
we hold fast to your unwavering love.
Draw us close to one another and to your mercy,
which is strong and true.
Open our hearts to the wonder of transformative love:
tender, courageous, and justice-seeking.
We pray as your faith-filled people,
and we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reader: *Barbara Wiebe*

Hebrews 10: 11-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying,

*'This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, says the Lord:*

*I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds',
he also adds,*

'I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.'

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Words after Scripture:

May God grant us understanding of these words of scripture.

Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

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

~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: "Provoking One Another"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #596 – "Come and Bless Us, God"

(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)

(Trautwein/Nixon)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Come and bless us, God, save us from dissension,
that we may as one further your intention.
Never on our own, yours for ever after,**

both our tears and laughter blessed by you alone.

- 2 Not for us to keep do you give your blessing,
talents richly given not for our possessing.
As we share our all, blessing grows and flowers,
loving grace empowers, bursting evil's thrall.**
- 3 Peace you granted once, peace again must flourish;
as you promised us, as the earth we nourish.
Help us stand the test! Those who sow with weeping,
when it's time for reaping, will find peace and rest.**
- 4 Come and bless us, God, save us from dissension,
that we may as one further your intention.
Never on our own, yours for ever after,
both our tears and laughter blessed by you alone.**

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS Outreach Committee

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN WRAP-UP ~Clayton Gording

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)
(Words reproduced with permission under license #A-620529 One License)

~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

**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: VU #427 – "To Show by Touch and Word"**

(Words reproduced played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)

(Kaan/Klusmeier)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.**
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.**
- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.**

***COMMISSIONING**

*(Adapted from Fern Gibbard; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2020.*)*

**Let us go out in Jesus' name with ready hands
to bring God's kingdom into this world.
Let us go out to bring love and justice
into a world of hurt and pain,
knowing that God is with us always. Amen.**

***BLESSING** (Inspired by Hebrews 10:19-22)

(From the Long Green Valley Church of the Brethren; found on the re:Worship blog online.)

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

(Words reproduced played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)

(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.**

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

~Joanne Diplock