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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.

June 1st, 2025
Easter 7 & Ascension Sunday
Toonie Sunday

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.

INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

CALL to WORSHIP

Psalm 47 *VU p. 771 (Read responsively, with refrain #2) (choir 1X cong 1X)*

Refrain: Praise to God who reigns above! Hallelujah!

*Clap your hands, all you peoples,
cry out to God with shouts of joy!*

**For the Most High is to be feared,
reigning in might, over all the earth. R**

*God has subdued the peoples around us,
set nations at our feet,*

**and has chosen for us a heritage,
the pride of Jacob, beloved of God.**

*God has gone up with shouts of triumph,
has gone up with a fanfare of trumpets.
For God reigns over all the earth!*
Sing praises with your utmost skill. R

*God reigns over all the nations,
and sits in holiness enthroned.*
**The nobles of the nations assemble
with the people of the Everlasting God.**
*For earth's defenders belong to God,
to God the highly exalted. R*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Shirley Alleyne*
*We light this candle in celebration of the Risen Christ,
and as a reminder that God is always with us,
and the light of Christ continues to light our way.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE
And as we light this second candle, we pray for peace:
**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**
*As we continue to celebrate the resurrection of 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 PATTER *(As we shift from sharing the peace to continuing in worship)*

*OPENING HYMN: *VU #345 – "Come, Children, Join to Sing"*

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(Bateman)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Come, children, join to sing: Hallelujah!
Praise to our Servant King: Hallelujah!**
Let all with heart and voice,
saved by God's gracious choice,
now in this place rejoice: Hallelujah!
- 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Hallelujah!
Let praises fill the sky: Hallelujah!**
Christ calls his people friends,
the helpless he defends,
a love that never ends: Hallelujah!

**3 Praise yet our Christ again: Hallelujah!
Raise high the joyous strain: Hallelujah!
The whole creation o'er
let all God's love adore,
singing for evermore: Hallelujah!**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Gord Waldie; found online.)

God of Easter, of new life, of resurrection,
**as this Easter Season draws near its close,
we gather in your presence.**

As we gather in this space,
**we open ourselves to the wonder of your presence,
and we open our hearts to be moved by your Spirit,
maybe even changed.**

As we tell an old story that defies our understanding of the cosmos,
**remind us that sometimes in mystery,
we find the deepest truths.**

As we are drawn to look to the heavens for your presence,
**help us remember to also look
to the immediate world for your presence,
and for the work you would have us do in life.**

*These things we pray in the name of the Risen Christ,
whose name we bear, and who taught his friends to pray saying...*

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.**

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Scotty McLaren*

John 17: 20-26 (New Revised Standard Version)

[Jesus prayed these words:] I ask not only on behalf of these but also on behalf of those who believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father,

are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

"Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them and I in them."

Luke 24: 44-53 (New Revised Standard Version)

[Jesus] said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Your Love is Changing the World"

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~Joanne Diplock

SERMON: "Witnesses, Together"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #602 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (Fawcett/Nägeli)

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~Joanne Diplock

**1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the unity of heart and mind
is like to that above.**

- 2 **Before our Maker's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.**
- 3 **We share each other's woes,
each other's burdens bear;
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.**
- 4 **This glorious hope revives
our courage on the way;
that we shall live in perfect love
in God's eternal day.**

MINUTE for OUTREACH

Video: "Pride & A Place at the Table: Showing Up with Love and Strength"

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: #191 MV – **"What Can I Do"** *sung 2X*
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(Rumbolt/McCarthy)
~Joanne Diplock

**What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from Frances Flook; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2016*.)

**Loving God, we present these gifts,
pleased to be part of your mission,
and excited to share with those around us.
May our gifts speak to the world of your love.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #884 – **"You Shall Go Out with Joy"**
(choir will sing once then the congregation sings 2X)
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(Rubin/Dauermann)

~Joanne Diplock

**You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace;
the mountains and the hills**

**will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy,
and all the trees of the field
will clap, will clap their hands!**

**And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands, (*clap, clap*)
the trees of the field will clap their hands (*clap, clap*)
while you go out with joy.**

***COMMISSIONING** (Adapted from Lorna Corzine; from Gathering Lent/Easter 2022.)

**Let us go forth, in the footsteps of the disciples.
Let us use our knowledge of the risen Christ to bring hope to others,
as we await Pentecost and the coming of the Holy Spirit.
Let us praise and honour God in all our words and actions. Amen.**

***BLESSING**

***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.**

POSTLUDE:

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