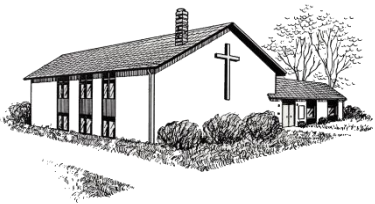


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*Our Mission...*

*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 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

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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.*

CALL to WORSHIP *(Inspired by Psalm 42)*

*(Written by B.J. Beu; from *The Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*.)*

*All who thirst, refresh yourselves in the waters of the living God.*

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for God.**

*All who weep, comfort yourselves in the safety of the living God.*

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for Christ.**

*All who feel lost and forgotten, find home and family in the house of the living God.*

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, our souls long for the Spirit.**

*Come! Revive yourselves in the waters of the living God.*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Diane McDonald*

*We light a candle – this Christ candle –  
to shine a light that also lives within us,  
a light that calls us to share the love of Christ  
in every corner of the world.*

**We give thanks for the meaning and purpose  
Jesus offers to our living,**

**calling us to bring healing, hope,  
justice, and reconciliation to others.**

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 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)*

**\*OPENING HYMN: VU #374 – "***Come and Find the Quiet Centre***"**

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*(Murray/White)  
~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.**
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace,  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being, face to face,  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.**
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
there's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!**

**OPENING PRAYER** (Written by Cheryl A. Lindsay; from *Worship Ways*. Found online.)

*God in whom we take refuge, we seek you as the calm in the storm,  
the path in the wilderness, and the order in the chaos.*

**Renew our strength with a vision of your kin-dom  
made real and expanding before us.**

*Encourage us with a word of possibility and an encounter with your presence.*

**Enliven us as we pray, sing, laugh,  
cry, witness, listen, ponder, and imagine  
in your midst and in our own way.**

*We come to you with our full selves  
knowing you offer us the fullness of your being.*

**May we find hope and challenge, joy and rest, peace and power  
as we immerse ourselves in you and glorify your name. Amen.**

**CONVERSATION TIME**

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

\***HYMN: VU #766 – "As the Deer Pants for Water"**

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(Nystrom/Pedersen)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 As the deer pants for the water,  
so my soul longs after you;  
you alone are my heart's desire  
and I long to worship you.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
to you alone may my spirit yield;  
you alone are my heart's desire,  
and I long to worship you.**

**2 I want you more than gold or silver,  
only you can satisfy;  
you alone are the real joy-giver  
and the apple of my eye. R**

**3 You're my friend and you are my brother,  
even though you are a king;  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything! R**

**Scripture Reading:** *read by Sheron Miller*

**Psalm 42** – *read responsively*

*As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God.*

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

*When shall I come and behold the face of God?*

**My tears have been my food day and night,  
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"**

*These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:  
how I went with the throng and led them in procession to the house of God,  
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.*

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?**

**Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

*My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.*

*Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents;  
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.*

**By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.**

*I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?*

*Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"*

*As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"*

**Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you disquieted within me?**

**Hope in God, for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.**

### **1 Kings 19: 1-15a**

*Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.*

*But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die, "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, or the journey will be too much for you." He got up and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.*

*Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your*

*prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."*

*He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus."*

### Response to Scripture:

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

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

### SERMON: "Longing for God"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

## RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #497 – "Nearer, My God, to Thee"*

(Adams/ Mason)

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*~Joanne Diplock*

- 1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!  
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**
- 2 Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,  
darkness be over me, my rest a stone;  
yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**
- 3 There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;  
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;  
angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**
- 4 Then, with my waking thoughts bright with thy praise,  
out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;  
so by my woes to be nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

**5 Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky,  
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,  
still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to thee;  
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!**

## THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

**\*Offertory Verse: #182 MV – "Grateful"** *(chorus only, sung 2X)*  
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(Tomaszek/Hart)  
~Joanne Diplock

**Grateful for the life you give us,  
thankful for your Holy Son,  
joyful in your Spirit flowing  
over all, O God of Love.  
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,  
thankful for your Holy Word,  
joyful in your mercy flowing,  
we will praise you.**

**\*Offertory Prayer** *(Written by Bill Steadman; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2025*.)*

**Here, God, we give our gifts to the work of your church,  
for the encouragement of your people,  
and with the love of Christ in our hearts.  
Bless our offerings as a sign of your love,  
we pray in Christ's 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 #424 – "May the God of Hope Go with Us"** *(Schutmaat/Kaan)*  
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~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** (Adapted from Bob Root; from *Gathering Lent/Easter 2018.*)

**And now,**

**drawing strength from this community of faith,  
and knowing our membership in the great family of God,  
we leave this time and place of worship.**

**We hope and pray that our hearts will be open,  
our faith will be strong, and our purpose will be clear  
as we go from this place to be God's family to one another.  
May we go in confidence and promise for God is with us.**

**\*BLESSING**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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~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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