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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.*

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Theme Series: Summer ~ Fruits of the Earth

Sacrament of Holy Communion

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold** print indicates a congregational response.*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

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*~Joanne Diplock*

## WELCOME

**\*GATHERING HYMN: VU #395 – "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"** (Manley/Nixon)  
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**Come in, come in and sit down,  
you are a part of the family.  
We are lost and we are found,  
and we are a part of the family.**

- 1 You know the reason why you came,  
yet no reason can explain;  
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,  
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 3 There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;  
we are the branches, Christ is the vine.  
This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine,  
but we are a part of the family. R**

## 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.*

## LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Shirley Alleyne

(Adapted from Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2025*.)

*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.***

## INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

### CALL to WORSHIP (inspired by John 15)

(Written by Joanna Harader; from *Spacious Faith* online.)

*We are branches, rooted in the vine of Christ.*

**We come because we seek to abide in Christ.**

*The branches that remain in the vine bear much fruit.*

**We come because we long to be spiritually vibrant, alive, productive.**

*If we abide in Christ, then Christ's words will abide in us.*

**We come because we strive to be faithful disciples.**

*We gather for worship now to the glory of the One God:*

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer.**

*May we grow wildly, as God tends us lovingly.*

### OPENING PRAYER (Inspired by John 15)

(Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; found on his *Unfolding Light* website.)

**Christ, you are the living vine.**

**May your presence give us life,**

**your Word give us wisdom,**

**and your grace flow through us**

**that we may bear fruit in the Spirit of your love. Amen.**

## CONVERSATION TIME

### **\*HYMN: VU #227 – "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

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(Green)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

## LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

### Scripture Readings: *read by Shirley Alleyne*

This morning, we have two scripture readings which both mention fruit in different contexts – offering first fruits from the earth, and bearing good and lasting fruit in the world.

#### **Deuteronomy 26: 1-2**

*"When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name."*

#### **John 15: 1-9, 15-16a**

*[Jesus said] "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be*

*done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last.*

Response to Scripture:

*Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Sacred Scripture. Sacred Story.*

**Praise be to Christ.**

REFLECTION: "Summer Fruit"

*~Rev. Susan Reed*

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

*~Joanne Diplock*

**\*Offertory Verse: VU# 540 – "Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

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*~Joanne Diplock*

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.**

**\*Offertory Prayer** (Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; from *Voices United* #538.)

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,  
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,  
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.  
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Communion Liturgy written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes, adapted slightly.  
Found on his *Unfolding Light* website.

### **\*COMMUNION HYMN: VU #460 – "All Who Hunger"**

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(Mayberry/Stubbington)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;  
holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering.  
Here, in truth, we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness,  
all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;  
seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming.  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered  
in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3 All who hunger, sing together;  
Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing.  
Here, in peace, we have been led.  
Blest are those who from this table  
live their lives in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal.  
Taste and see that God is good.**

## INTRODUCTION and INVITATION to COMMUNION

### CALL to GIVE THANKS

*God is with you.*

**And also with you.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**We lift them up to God.**

*Let us give thanks to the Holy One, our God.*

**It is good and beautiful to give God our praise.**

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG of CREATION

*...In one voice with all Creation we sing your praise,  
as we say together:*

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

## REMEMBERING JESUS

### MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

*...as we proclaim the mystery of our faith, saying together:*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

### PRAYER for TRANSFORMATION of the ELEMENTS

*Pour out your Holy Spirit on these gifts, O God,  
that they may be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Pour out your Spirit on us,  
that we may be renewed as your people,  
the vine of your love, the Body of Christ.**

*You are the vine and we are your fruit.*

**May your Spirit flow through us as sap through the vine,  
that we may bear the fruit of your love in this world.**

*By your Spirit in us, may we be perfected in your love.*

**Make us one with you, one with each other,  
and one with all Creation,  
for the sake of the wholeness of the world,  
in the name and Spirit of Christ. Amen.**

## BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

### COMMUNION is SHARED

### PRAYER after COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we thank you for this mystery  
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**We are one in your Spirit, and one in service to the world.**

**May your grace flow through us  
that we may bear the fruit of your love in this world,  
for the sake of the coming of your Realm,  
in the name of Christ. Amen.**

## SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

### **\*CLOSING HYMN: VU #468 – "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"**

(Kaan)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**
- 2 Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. R**
- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) everywhere! R**

### **\*SENDING FORTH**

*(Adapted from Ed Searcy; from *Worship for All Seasons II: Year B.*)*

**Christ is the vine, we are the branches,  
and our lives in the world are the fruit of God's love.  
May we go into the world, bearing fruit, living love.  
And may we know that the redeeming grace of Christ,  
the creative love of God,  
and the sustaining presence of the Holy Spirit  
is the source of our life. Amen.**

### **\*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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