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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 31st, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Theme Series: Summer ~ Camps, Camping and Campfires!

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

GATHERING

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

~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME

*GATHERING SONG: VU #412 – "***This is the Day***"

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(Hobbs/Nixon)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This is the day, this is the day**
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.
- 2 Open to us, open to us**
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,**
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.

**You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

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

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Shirley Codd

(Written by Robyn Murray; from The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday service 2022.)

*We gather as a community around the flame of God's love,
be that campfire or Christ candle.
God's love burns brightly in our hearts.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

And as we light our peace 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.*

CALL to WORSHIP

(Written by Robyn Murray; from The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday service 2022.)

This is the day you have made, O God.

We rejoice and are glad to be here!

You have opened the doors wide for all who wish to enter.

We rejoice and are glad to be here!

We marvel and give thanks

for all you have created and all you have done.

We rejoice and are glad to be here!

Let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN: VU #289 – "It Only Takes a Spark"

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(Kaiser)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing:
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:**

**you spread God's love to everyone,
you want to pass it on.**

- 2 What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
you want to pass it on.**
- 3 I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found -
on God you can depend, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top;
I want my world to know:
the Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.**

OPENING PRAYER

(Adapted from David Root and Nancy Rouble; from *The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday service* 2018.)

Creator God, the spark has kindled a fire.

We gather for its warmth and light.

Your love is the warmth that fills our hearts.

Your love lights the way.

*We give thanks for the light of the fire
and the warmth of your love.*

**First, we experience it,
and then we pass it on.**

Help us to pass it on.

In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

SHARING the PEACE of CHRIST

Peace be with you.

And also with you.

CONVERSATION TIME

***SONG: "God is Like a Flashlight"** Words and music by Lesley J. Clare; from the *Rainbow Songbook*.
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- 1 God is like a flashlight shining in the dark,
shining in the dark (clap, clap), in the dark.
God is like a flashlight shining in the dark.
That's what God is like!**
- 2 God is like a mother giving me a hug,
giving me a hug (clap, clap), me a hug.**

God is like a mother giving me a hug.

That's what God is like!

**3 God is like a father saying "Welcome home",
saying "welcome home" (clap, clap), welcome home.**

God is like a father saying "Welcome home."

That's what God is like!

**4 God is like cold water on a hot, dry day,
on a hot, dry day (clap, clap), hot dry day.**

God is like cold water on a hot, dry day.

That's what God is like!

**5 God is like my best friend calling me by name,
calling me by name (clap, clap), me by name.**

God is like my best friend calling me by name.

That's what God is like!

THE WORD

Scripture Readings: *read by Shirley Codd* (all readings from New Revised Standard Version)

This morning, we have three short scripture readings on the theme of light – the light which God created, the light which Jesus is, and the light which we are called to be in the world.

Genesis 1: 1-5

When God began to create the heavens and the earth, the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

John 8: 12

[Jesus said] "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Matthew 5: 14-16

[And Jesus said] "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Response to Scripture:

Holy Wisdom. Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Sacred Scripture. Sacred Story.

Praise be to Christ.

REFLECTION: "Finding God in Camps, Camping, and Campfires"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONSE

*SONG: "This Little Light of Mine" African-American spiritual; from the *Joyful Noise* songbook.
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1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

5 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INTRODUCTION to the OFFERING

(Adapted from David Root and Nancy Rouble; from *The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday* service 2018.)

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.

***Offering Prayer** (Written by Robyn Murray; from *The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday* service 2022.)

**Generous God, we bring our gifts to you
and humbly ask that you use them
to share hope, transform lives,
and spark more love in the world.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***SONG: "Kum Ba Yah"**

African-American spiritual; from the *Joyful Noise* songbook.

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord... kum ba yah.**
- 2 Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's crying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord... kum ba yah.**
- 3 Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Someone's praying, Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord... kum ba yah.**
- 4 Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Kum ba yah, my Lord, kum ba yah.
Oh, Lord... kum ba yah.**

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 OUT

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #884 – **"You Shall Go Out with Joy"**

(Rubin/Dauermann)

sung 3X; each time a little bit faster

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~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

Written by Robyn Murray; from *The United Church of Canada's Camping Sunday* service 2022.)

We have gathered around the warming fire of our community.

We carry that warmth out into the world.

We have sung songs and praised God.

We carry that joy out into the world.

We have learned together

and held one another in love and prayer.

We carry that love out into the world.

*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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