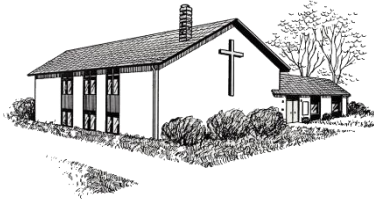


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Our Mission...

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.

September 14th, 2025
14th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Creation Time 2
Welcome Sunday & Open House

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

GREETING

*GATHERING HYMN: VU #365 – "Jesus Loves Me"

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(Warner/McGuire)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to him belong,
in his love we shall be strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.**

**2 Jesus loves me, this I know,
as he loved so long ago,
taking children on his knee,
saying, 'Let them come to me.' R**

**3 Jesus loves me still today,
walking with me on my way,
wanting as a friend to give
light and love to all who live. R**

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.

GATHERING WORDS

(Adapted from Dave Moors; found online.)

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Terry Munro

(Adapted from Karen MacNeill; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2025*.)

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there."

**We light the Christ candle as a sign and symbol
of Christ's presence among us.**

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

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.

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 (Adapted from Beth W. Johnston; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2016*.)

Come in, come in and sit down!

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to find community.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to sing songs of praise.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to listen to the stories of God's love.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to learn the stories of Jesus.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to listen to God's Spirit.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here to explore our faith.

We are a part of God's family.

We are here for so many reasons they cannot be counted.

Whatever has brought you here, welcome!

We are a part of God's family!

And let us worship God together!

***OPENING HYMN: VU #395 – "Come In, Come In and Sit Down"**

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(Duck/Klusmeier)

~Joanne Diplock

**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**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**

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

**Welcoming God, once again we have gathered in your presence.
In this place, we affirm that everyone is welcome.
At this time, we celebrate your presence within and around us all.
As we worship, may you fill our hearts with hope.
As we sing and pray, may you empower us to be your servants.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENT "Having Fun with our Gift Giving"

CONVERSATION TIME

- Blessing of the Backpacks & School Bags
- Blessing of the Work, Activity, Sport, and Every Day Bags

*~Children, Youth & their leaders are invited to head downstairs
for Kid Konnection (Sunday School) and Youth Group~*

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Scotty McLaren*

Luke 15: 1-10

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying

to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

Response to Scripture:

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

CHOIR ANTHEM: #46 MV – **"Bless the Lord"**

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~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "Lost and Found"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #266 – **"Amazing Grace"**

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(Newton)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.**
- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
- 4 The Lord has promised good to me,
this word my hope secures;
God will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

CREATION MOMENT "Creation Encourages: Seek My Intelligence!"

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay; found at *Worship Ways* online.)

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offering Verse: #191 MV – "What Can I Do?"

sung 2X

(Rumbolt/McCarthy)

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~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 (Written by Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

**Gracious God,
we know that our gifts make a difference
to each other and to others in your world.
We give to support the ministry of this congregation.
We give to support your ministry of love in the world.
We give that others might live with hope.
Receive and bless our gifts,
and with them, the offerings of our hearts.
We ask it in Jesus' 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"

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(Schutmaat/Kaan)

~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**

*MEAL GRACE

*SENDING FORTH (Adapted from Beth W. Johnston; from *Gathering Pentecost 2* 2016.)

We were lost.

We have been found.

We are lost.

We are being found.

We will be lost.

We will be found.

We go from here as God's beloved,

**seeking and being sought,
loving and being loved.**

*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 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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