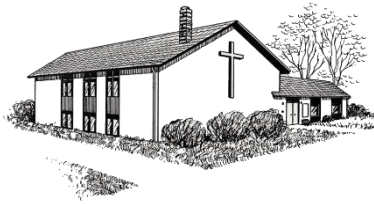


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Our Mission...

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 7th, 2025
13th Sunday after Pentecost ~ Creation Time 1
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

GREETING

***GATHERING VERSE: #130 MV – "Rise Up, Rise Up"**

(sung 2X)

(Good)

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~Joanne Diplock

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.

Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.

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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.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Marie Leskovjan*

*(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 (inspired by Psalm 139) (From the *re:Worship* blog online.)

We've come to worship God:

who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,

whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.

This is our God.

Let's worship together!

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2025*.)

God before us, God around us,

God beside us, God within us...

Open our spirits, we pray!

Open our spirits so that we may notice you.

Open our hearts so that we may notice each other.

Open us so that we may truly notice ourselves.

In our noticing, help us to believe.

In our believing, help us to act.

In our acting, help us to love!

By your grace, in your love,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

Amen!

CREATION MOMENT "Creation Invites: Enjoy My Songs!"

*OPENING HYMN: #30 MV – **"It's a Song of Praise to the Maker"** (Duck/Klusmeier)
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- 1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The thrush sings high in the tree.
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
The gray whale sings in the sea,**

Refrain:

**And by the Spirit, you and I
Can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.**

- 2. It's a call of life to the Giver,
When waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver,
When high tides break on the shore. R**
- 3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
The bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
The summer breeze joins the song. R**
- 4. It's a chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's a chorus of all creation;
A song the universe sings, R**

CONVERSATION TIME

*~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 Frank Leskovjan*

Psalms 139 from *VU p. 861* (Read responsively, *with refrain*) (choir 1X cong 1X)

Refrain: **God, you have searched me, you know me through and through.**

O God, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and rise up;

you discern my thoughts from afar.

You discern my path and the places I rest;

you are familiar with all my ways.

Before a word is on my tongue,

you know it, O God, completely.

You guard me from behind and before,

and lay your hand upon me.

It is beyond my knowledge; it is a mystery;

I cannot fathom it. R

Where can I escape from your spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

If I ascend to heaven, you are there;

if I lie down in the grave, you are even there.

If I take wing with the dawn

and alight at the sea's farthest limits,
there also your hand will be guiding me
your powerful hand holding me fast.

If I say, 'Let the darkness cover me
and my day be turned to night,'
even darkness is not dark to you:
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you. R

It was you who formed my inward parts;
you fashioned me in my mother's womb.
I praise you, for I am fearfully, wonderfully made.
Wondrous are your works; that I know very well.

My frame was not hidden from you
when I was being fashioned in secret,
intricately woven in the mystery of clay.
Your eyes saw my substance taking shape;
in your book my every day was recorded;
all my days were fashioned,
even before they came to be. R

How deep your designs are to me, O God!
How great their number!
I try to count them but they are more than the sand.
I come to the end - I am still with you.

Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
Watch closely, lest I follow a path of error
and guide me in the everlasting way. R

Response to Scripture:

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

CHOIR ANTHEM: #131 MV – **"You, Creator God, Have Searched Me"** (Mulrain)
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SERMON: "Seen. Heard. Known. Loved."
~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

***HYMN OF RESPONSE:** VU #574 – **"Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love"**
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1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,
tender and true, tender and true,

out of the heart of the Father above,
streaming to me and to you:
wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

2 Jesus the Saviour this gospel to tell
joyfully came, joyfully came,
came with the helpless and hopeless to dwell,
sharing their sorrow and shame,
seeking the lost, seeking the lost,
saving, redeeming at measureless cost.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;
why do they roam? why do they roam?
Love only waits to forgive and forget;
home, weary wanderers, home!
Wonderful love, wonderful love
dwells in the heart of the Father above.

4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

MINUTE for OUTREACH ~Nancy Cosway

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

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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 (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:** *(by request) VU #644 – "I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry"*
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- 1 I was there to hear your borne cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**
- 2 I was there when you were but a child,
with a faith to suit you well;
in a blaze of light you wandered off
to find where demons dwell.**
- 3 When you heard the wonder of the word,
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**
- 4 If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.**
- 5 In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young.
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**6 When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been
with just one more surprise.**

**7 I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized,
to see your life unfold.**

***SENDING FORTH** (based on Psalm 139)

(Written by Christine Longhurst; found on the *re:Worship* blog online.)

As we leave this place, let's not forget:

**there is nowhere we can go where God is not.
Everywhere we go, God goes before us.
From the farthest ocean to the highest mountain,
from the heights of joy to the depths of despair—
wherever we find ourselves, God is already there.**

*So go in peace,
for we do not go alone.*

Amen!

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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**May the Lord go with you,
let him take your hand.
Keep His love within you,
until we meet again. Amen.**

(Price/Besig)

~Joanne Diplock

POSTLUDE #161 MV – "I Have Called You by Your Name"

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(Damon)

~Joanne Diplock