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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.

July 5th, 2026
6th Sunday after Pentecost
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

WELCOME and INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshipping at North Kildonan for the first time or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us, and this time of celebration together.

LIFE and WORK of the CHURCH FAMILY

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of the LAND

We acknowledge that we meet on Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Anisininew, Cree, Dakota, and Dene 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*

*The light shines in the deepest night
and the night has not overcome it.
May the light of this candle remind us of the light of Christ
which shines on us, around us, within us and through us.*

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

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.

CALL to WORSHIP

God, open our spirits and fill us with light.

Open our hearts and fill us with love.

Open our minds that we may receive you with love and compassion.

We worship and praise God and call out to you to hear our prayers.

We bring our concerns to you God.

**God you are full of forgiveness and our souls wait for your hope
and your steadfast love.**

Your loving presence is here.

We come with hearts overflowing,

**knowing that God is here and we bring our hearts to this place
with praise and thanksgiving.**

Let us celebrate and worship God.

***OPENING HYMN: #216 MV – "Wherever You May Go"**

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(Kai)

~Joanne Diplock

**Wherever you may go, I will follow,
And your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
For I would be faithful, loyal and true.**

- 1. Say the word and I will stay,
I will never go away,
We will travel side by side
And God's love will be our guide. R**
- 2. From the beginning to the end
I will always be your friend,
When you need me, I'll be there,
You can trust my faithful care. R**

OPENING PRAYER

**God as we gather to worship,
hear our prayers and speak to our hearts.
In times of joy and times of grief,
you are with us God.
In times of hunger and times of fullness,
you feed our soul God.**

**In times of fear and times of strength,
you comfort and guide us God.**

**In times of loneliness
and in times with family and friends,
you remind us of your love God.**

Remind us that You are always with us now and forever. Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

*HYMN: VU #661 – **"Come to My Heart"**

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(Pinson)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

**2 Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

**3 Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: *read by Shirley Alleyne*

Genesis 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67 (NSRV translation)

So he said, 'I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and

female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, "You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son."

'I came today to the spring, and said, "O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, 'Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,' and who will say to me, 'Drink, and I will draw for your camels also'—let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son."

'Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water-jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, "Please let me drink." She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, "Drink, and I will also water your camels." So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, "Whose daughter are you?" She said, "The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him." So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.'

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, 'Will you go with this man?' She said, 'I will.' So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her,

*'May you, our sister, become
thousands of myriads;
may your offspring gain possession
of the gates of their foes.'*

Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way.

Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, 'Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?' The servant said, 'It is my master.' So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

Psalm 145: 8-14 (NSRV translation)

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,
to make known to all people your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.
The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.*

Matthew 11: 16-19, 25-30 (NSRV translation)

*'But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another,
"We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn."
For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, "He has a demon"; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, "Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!" Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.'*
*At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'*

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

REFLECTION: "Seeing Christ"

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #120 – "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

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(Bode/Elliott)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
remain for ever near me, my Saviour and my friend:
I shall not fear the journey if you are by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if you will be my guide.**
- 2 O let me feel you near me: the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, then draw nearer and shield my soul from sin.**
- 3 O let me hear you speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
now speak, and make me listen, O guardian of my soul.**
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you,
that where you are in glory your servant shall be too.
And Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Saviour and my friend.**

AN INVITATION to SHARE

For the many gifts God had given to us,

Let us offer what we can of ourselves as we present our offerings.

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Hymn: #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

**God of joy and love divine,
receive all we offer you this day.
Enrich our lives through the gifts of your spirit,
that we may faithfully follow the way of Christ.
May we serve you and one another
with conviction, courage and joy.
May these gifts be used to do your work God. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

God we are thankful for the many blessings you have given us. We thank you for your everlasting love and our faith community at NKUC. We give you thanks for hope for the vision of justice and peace among your people, even in the midst of conflict. We pray for those who are facing many challenges of life. We pray for those who are alone, homeless and who suffer from anxiety. Bless our family and friends. We pray for all who are grieving from the loss of family or loved ones. We pray the impoverished and for those suffering from physical and mental illness. We pray for those who are suffering from the Ebola outbreak. Our prayers go out to those affected by fires and floods. We especially pray for the Ukraine that war ends there soon. We pray for all who are affected by war throughout the world. The forgiveness, love and grace we receive from You gives us strength and courage to contend with the challenges on our life's journey. God give us strength and hope. We pray our faith community. Bless Rev. Susan that she has safe travels and returns refreshed and renewed. And now let us pray together the prayer that Jesus left to the Church...

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 #232 – "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You"**

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(van Dyke/van Beethoven)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Joyful, joyful we adore you,
God of glory, life and love;
hearts unfold like flowers before you,
opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
drive the gloom of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness,
fill us with the light of day.**
- 2 All your works with joy surround you,
earth and heaven reflect your rays,
stars and angels sing around you,
centre of unbroken praise.**

**Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain,
sound their praise eternally.**

**3 You are giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean depth of happy rest!
Source of grace and fount of blessing,
let your light upon us shine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine.**

**4 Mortals join the mighty chorus
which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
victors in the midst of strife;
joyful music leads us sunward
in the triumph song of life.**

***BLESSING and SENDING FORTH**

Rejoice in the life of our Risen Christ.

Rejoice in the power of the spirit.

Rejoice in the power of prayer.

Go, living in the love of God, serving in His name.

Let your love of God embrace all around you. 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 "Be Thou My Vision"

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