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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.

June 28th, 2026
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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 Barb Bencharski*

*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.*

PASSING the PEACE

CALL to WORSHIP (from Psalm 89)

I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever;

with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

I declare that your steadfast love is established forever;

your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Happy are the people who walk, O LORD, in the light of your countenance;

For you are the glory of their strength.

*OPENING HYMN: #142 MV – "Oh a Song Must Rise"

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(Svenson/Nixon)

~Joanne Diplock

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend

Oh a song must rise once again.

Singing out God's praises and glory

The faithful voices blend,

Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

- 1 From the mountains to the valleys,
From the desert to the sea,
A song must rise once again.
From the voices of our leaders,
The voices of you and me,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**
- 2 From poverty and riches,
From the voice of young and old,
A song must rise once again.
From the free and the imprisoned,
The timid and the bold,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**
- 3 From ev'ry house of worship,
In every faith and tongue,
A song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities,
A new song must be sung,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend. R**

OPENING PRAYER

God of the universe,

this morning we are reminded of your Spirit's presence

not only in all of our lives but in all of your creation.

Give us eyes to see,

ears to hear,

and courage to live as stewards,
not as masters, of all you have entrusted to our care.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Shepherd, Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

*HYMN: VU #626 – **"I Heard the Voice of Jesus"**

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(Bonar)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'
I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.
- 2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'
I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.
- 3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: *read by Diane McDonald*

Psalm 13 (NSRV translation)

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me for ever?

How long will you hide your face from me?

How long must I bear pain^[a] in my soul,

and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

*Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.*

Matthew 10: 40-42 (NSRV translation)

'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.'

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

REFLECTION: "Discernment"

~Rev. Dr. Peter Denton

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: #150 MV – "***Spirit God, Be Our Breath***"

(Harding)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**
- 2 Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
we grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.**
- 3 Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,
we seek your guidance through friendship and care,
Loving God be our prayer.**
- 4 Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.**

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?"

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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

**Accept and bless these gifts, O God,
as a sign of the offering we make of our lives,
to the work of your Church in the world,
here and in many other places.
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

.... 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 #651 – "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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(Williams/Hughes)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**

**2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

***BLESSING and SENDING FORTH**

*Go now in love,
go now in peace,
go now and embrace the time God has given us.
Reach out to a friend or to stranger,
be gracious to those in need.
May the Spirit of God be with you, as you
go now and serve the Lord,
in the name of Christ. 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

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