



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 12th, 2026
7th 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 Sylvia Banfield*

*We light the Christ candle, as symbol,
a reminder that Jesus is for us a light by which
we see and perceive this world as God's world;
see and perceive all people as children of God;
see and perceive ourselves as bearers of God's love and healing in this world.*

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

CALL to WORSHIP

We are on a journey

We are on a journey as companions of Jesus.

We are on a journey as companions of the resurrected Christ.

***We journey to a redeemed and healed world,
a world of peace, justice and love.***

We journey as God's agents of hope and healing.

We journey as people of faith.

*OPENING HYMN: VU #220 – "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

(Neander)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, who rules all creation;
O my soul, praise him, at all times your health and salvation.
Come, all who hear:
brothers and sisters draw near,
joining in glad adoration.**
- 2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning,
keeping us safe at his side, and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
how all you needed has been
met by God's gracious ordaining?**
- 3 Praise to the Lord who will prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy will daily attend us:
ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who out of love will befriend us.**
- 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen
sound from God's people again:
gladly with praise we adore him.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God, inspire us to perceive You each day
in the wonder,
the mystery,
the silences
and the moments of grace.**

Give us hearts of compassion

**to be people of reconciliation and compassion. As companions of Jesus,
give us courage to love with the love embodied in Jesus.**

We pray in the name as disciples of the resurrected Christ. Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

***HYMN: VU #299 – "Teach Me, God, To Wonder"**

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- 1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.
Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,
life be celebrated, joy you give.**
- 2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me. R**
- 3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take. R**
- 4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet. R**

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Readings: *read by Sylvia Banfield*

Isaiah 55: 10-13 (NSRV translation)

*For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.*

*For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.*

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23 (NSRV translation)

'That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

'Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

Response to Scripture:

May God speak to us through these readings of scripture.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SERMON

~Rev. Jeff Cook

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #292 – "Creating God, We Give You Thanks"* (Hyde)
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- 1 Creating God, we give you thanks
that this your world is incomplete;
that battle calls our marshalled ranks,
that work awaits our hands and feet.**
- 2 You have not finished woman, man,
for we are in the making still,
as friends who share the Maker's plan,
as those who know your loving will.**
- 3 Beyond the present sin and shame,
wrong's bitter, cruel, scorching blight,
we see the beckoning vision flame,**

the blessed kingdom of the right.

**4 What though the kingdom long delay,
and still with haughty foes must cope?
It gives us that for which to pray,
a field for toil and faith and hope.**

**5 Since what we choose is what we are,
and what we love we yet shall be,
the goal may ever shine afar,
the will to win it makes us free.**

AN INVITATION to SHARE

*Let us continue to worship as we present our gifts,
our offerings,
our time,
our talents for the life and work of the church.*

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

***Offering Hymn: VU#540 "*Grant Us, God, the Grace*"**
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*(anonymous)
~Joanne Diplock*

**Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.**

***Offertory Prayer**

**God, bless us
and bless these gifts and offerings
that we may use them to do your works of hope,
healing and reconciliation,
in this community and throughout the world. 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 #313 – "God, Whose Almighty Word"**

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(Marriott)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 God, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard, and took their flight,
hear us, we humbly pray, and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray, let there be light.**
- 2 Jesus, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing, healing and sight,
health to the troubled mind, sight to the Spirit-blind,
O now to humankind let there be light.**
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
lifegiving, holy dove, speed forth your flight;
move on the water's face, bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place let there be light.**
- 4 Blessed and holy three,
glorious trinity, wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide, let there be light.**

***BLESSING and SENDING FORTH**

Let us go into God's world.

Let us go as disciples of Jesus

and companions of the resurrected Christ.

Let us go as agents of God's healing and hope.

*And let us go knowing that we go always in the amazing grace of God,
in the transforming friendship of Jesus Christ,
and in the healing power and presence of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

***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: "For the Beauty of the Earth"

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