



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 19th, 2026
8th 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

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.

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

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

WELCOME & 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 Marie Leskovjan*

*May the light of this candle remind us of the light of Christ,
which shines on us, around us, within us, and through us,
and which illuminates our path and guides us on the way.*

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

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 HYMN: VU #264 – "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

(Smith)

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**
- 2 Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**
- 3 To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.**
- 4 Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light;
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all praise we would render, O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee!**

OPENING PRAYER

Based on Psalm 139

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

*All-knowing God,
we gather together with praise and thanksgiving
for who you are,
and for all that you have done for us.*

**You know us better than we know ourselves—
all our thoughts and actions—
and yet you love us.**

*No matter where we go or what we do,
your love encircles us—ahead and behind—
gently leading and guiding and blessing.*

**We praise you for your love
and your faithful presence in our lives.**

May your Spirit move in our hearts and minds as we worship together:

**examine our attitudes and actions,
lay bare the things we need to confess,
challenge us with your Word,
and guide us on to paths that lead to life.**

For we are your people, called by your name.

Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Marie Leskovjan*

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

*O Lord, you have searched me and known me.
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from far away.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Even before a word is on my tongue,
O Lord, you know it completely.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain it.
Where can I go from your spirit?
Or where can I flee from your presence?
If I ascend to heaven, you are there;
if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,
even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,
and night wraps itself around me,"
even the darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day,
for darkness is as light to you.*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart;
test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.*

Response to Scripture:

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION: "Words of Comfort and Assurance: Psalm 139"

~Rev. Susan Reed

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: *VU #644 – "I Was There to Hear Your Borning Cry"*

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~Joanne Diplock

- 1 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.**
- 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.**

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: #182 MV – "**Grateful**" (*chorus only, sung 2X*)
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(Tomaszek/Hart)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.**

*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from Irma Nadeau; from *Gathering Pentecost 1 2026*.)
(*Please remain standing, until the gifts have been placed on the table*)

**Gracious God, who calls us to generosity,
we give many different gifts in many different ways
to the mission and ministry of this congregation.
We give of our abundance – our money, time, and talents.
We give because we are grateful.
In this way, we offer our thanks to you. 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 #670 – "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"**

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(Dorsey/Allen)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night,
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 2 When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**
- 3 When the darkness appears, and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand,
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.**

***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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~Joanne Diplock

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

POSTLUDE

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