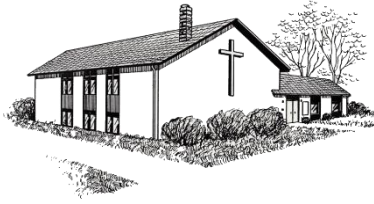


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Our Mission...

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 13th, 2026
16th Sunday after Pentecost
Creation Time 1

The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able. **Bold print indicates a congregational response.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

PRELUDE *(Music played with permission under license #A-620529 One License)*

~Joanne Diplock

GREETING

***GATHERING VERSE: #92 MV – "Like a Rock"** *(Words and actions x2, actions only x1)*

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~Joanne Diplock

Like a rock, like a rock

God is under our feet.

Like the starry night sky

God is over our head.

Like the sun on the horizon

God is ever before.

Like the river runs to ocean

Our home is in God evermore.

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.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION to the SERVICE

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Terry Munro*

*(Written by Scott Martin, with inspiration from *Godly Play*, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)*

There once was a wonderful man

who did wonderful things

and they said, "He is the light of the world."

In his light, the light of Christ, we gather.

LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*We also light a second candle, this one for peace,
and as we do, we pray for peace:*

**peace in our hearts,
peace in our homes,
peace in our world.**

*As we follow in the ways of 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 (Adapted from Bob Root; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2015*.)

***OPENING HYMN: #1 MV – "Let Us Build a House"**

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(Haugen)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
And all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
How hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
Rock of faith and vault of grace
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
All are welcome in this place.**
- 2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
And words are strong and true,
Where all God's children
Dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
And as symbol of god's grace;
Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: R**
- 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach
Beyond the wood and stone
To heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
And live the Word they've known
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: R**

**5 Let us build a house where all are named,
Their songs and visions heard
And loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
Prayers of faith and songs of grace;
Let this house proclaim from floor to rafter; R**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Gord Waldie; found online. Used with permission.)

**Welcoming God,
once again we have gathered in your presence.
In this place, we affirm that everyone is welcome.
At this time, we celebrate your presence
within and around us all.
As we worship, may you fill our hearts with hope,
As we sing and pray and learn together,
may you empower us to be your servants.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

*~Children, Youth & their Leaders are invited to head downstairs
for Kid Konnection (Sunday School) and Youth Group~*

WE LISTEN FOR AND REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Scotty McLaren*

Romans 14: 1-13

Intro: This morning, we have a reading on judgment – and welcome – from Paul's letter to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat, for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat for the Lord, since they give thanks to God, while those who abstain, abstain for the Lord and give thanks to God.

For we do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die,

we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.

So then, each one of us will be held accountable. Let us therefore no longer pass judgment on one another, but resolve instead never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother or sister.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: VU #402 – "We Are One"

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(Lankshear-Smith/Sam)

~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "Welcoming Difference and Diversity"

~Rev. Susan Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #581 – "When We Are Living"

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(Spanish traditional)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
and when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**
- 2 Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**
- 3 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**
- 4 Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
we belong to God, we belong to God.**

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: #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
(Please remain standing, until the gifts have been placed on the table)

**O God, we offer you these gifts,
and we offer you our very selves.
Bless all that we offer,
and use it and us for your work in the world.
In the name and way of Jesus, we pray. 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.**

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #427 – **"To Show by Touch and Word"**
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(Kaan/Klusmeier)
~Joanne Diplock

- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.**
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.
For every challenge that we face**

we need your guidance and your grace.

- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,
and let our lives portray your word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.**

***SENDING FORTH** (Adapted from Elaine Bidgood Sweet; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2017*.)

**We have worshipped,
and joined ourselves in praise of God:
Creator, Christ, and Spirit.
Let us now depart,
blessed and challenged to live by the Spirit.
May our love of God and love of neighbour
show forth in all we are and in all we do.**

***BLESSING**

***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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~Joanne Diplock