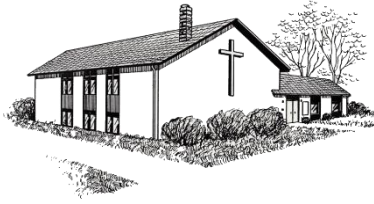


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Our Mission...

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 20th, 2026
Welcome Sunday & Open House
“Together in Faith”

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

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

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~Joanne Diplock

GREETING

CALL to GATHER *(Written by Gord Waldie; found online. Used with permission.)*

The invitation has been given:

Come and gather, come one and all, come as you are!

The welcome mat is laid out:

Come in and sit down! Join us!

GATHERING HYMN: VU #395 – “Come In, Come In and Sit Down” *(Manley/Dixon)*

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~Joanne Diplock

**Come in, come in and sit down,
you are a part of the family.
We are lost and we are found,
and we are a part of the family.**

- 1 You know the reason why you came,
yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain,
for we are a part of the family. R**
- 2 God is with us in this place,
like a mother's warm embrace.
We're all forgiven by God's grace,
for we are a part of the family. R**

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

CALL to WORSHIP (Adapted from Richard Bott; found online. Used with permission.)

Without you...

the body of Christ is incomplete.

Without me...

some gifts are lost.

Without her... without him... without them...

we may not have all we need to live out God's call.

We are not all the same.

But we are all needed.

Wanted.

Loved –

in this time and place,

in all times and places.

Thanks be to God!

*We come together as many individuals to form one community,
and we gather together to worship God.*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE ~lit by Marie Leskovjan

(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.

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from Laura Turnbull; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2015*.)

**Holy God,
you welcome us in prayer and praise –
as a community and as individuals.
We each bring our own gifts,
and we bring our diverse needs and dreams,
trusting that you embrace us as we are.
May our worship be life-giving this day and always.
We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN: VU #412 – "*This is the Day*"**

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(Hobbs/Nixon)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made;
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**
- 2 Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God, your gates, O God;
we will go in, we will go in,
to your holy place, to your holy place.
Open to us your gates, O God,
we will go in to your holy place.
Open to us, open to us
your gates, O God.**
- 3 You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name, we will praise your name;
we will give thanks, we will give thanks,
for your faithfulness, for your faithfulness.
You are our God, we will praise your name,
we will give thanks for your faithfulness.
You are our God, you are our God,
we will praise your name.**

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 Readings: *read by Frank Leskovjan*

Responsive Reading: **Psalm 145: 1-10**

*I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.*

**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

*Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.*

**One generation shall extol your works to another
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

*They will recount the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works I will meditate.*

**They will proclaim the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

*They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.*

**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.**

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: #27 MV – "Creator God You Gave Us Life"

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(Snowdon)

~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "God-Given Gifts"

~Rev. Susan Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: VU #512 – "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

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~Joanne Diplock

1 Lord, you give the great commission:

'Heal the sick and preach the word.'

Lest the church neglect its mission,

and the gospel go unheard,

help us witness to your purpose

with renewed integrity;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.

2 Lord, you call us to your service:

'In my name baptize and teach.'

That the world may trust your promise,

life abundant meant for each,

give us all new fervour, draw us

closer in community;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.

5 Lord, you bless with words assuring:

'I am with you to the end.'

Faith and hope and love restoring,

may we serve as you intend,

and, amid the cares that claim us,

hold in mind eternity;

with the Spirit's gifts empow'r us

for the work of ministry.

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

INVITATION to the OFFERING (Written by Bill Steadman; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018*.)

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Verse: VU #537 – "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" (Laufer/Dougall)

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~Joanne Diplock

1 Your work, O God, needs many hands

to help you everywhere,

and some there are who cannot serve

unless our gifts we share.

- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.**

***Offertory Prayer** (From the UCCan *Service Book*; found in *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

**We bring our gifts to you, O God.
Here is the work of our hands,
and here is the love of our hearts.
Accept our gifts and use them,
in Jesus' name, 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: #154 MV – "Deep in Our Hearts"**

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(Oldham/Klusmeier)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling Creation that we are one.**
- 2. Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
Justice and peace in harmony.**
- 3. Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
Flowing to freedom like a stream.**

**4. Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
Telling Creation that we are one.**

***MEAL GRACE** (*spoken*) (From *Voices United* 549)

**For all your goodness, God,
we give you thanks.
Thanks for the food we eat,
and for the friends we meet;
for each new day we greet,
we give you thanks.**

***SENDING FORTH** (Adapted from Gill LeFevre from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2020*.)

**Let us go forth from here
with a renewed sense of service to God
and a deepened awareness of God's gifts to us.
May we head into this week with replenished hearts and minds,
assured of God's love for us, for all God's children,
and for all of Creation.
Together, may we be nurtured and inspired
to grow and love and serve our God.**

***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