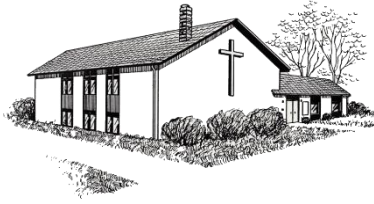


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Our Mission...

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 27th, 2026
18th after Pentecost ~ Creation Time 3
Orange Shirt Sunday

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

GATHERING HYMN: #7 MV – "**Gather Us In**" (sung 2X)

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(Hann/Fines)

~Joanne Diplock

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in,

Ground us, ground us in you.

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

INVOCATION *(Written by Rev. Tony Snow; from The United Church of Canada's Orange Shirt Sunday resources.)*

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Grace Atkins*

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LIGHTING of the PEACE CANDLE

*Here at NKUC, 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 HYMN: #12 MV – "Come Touch our Hearts"**

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(Light/Donaldson)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 Come touch our hearts,
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers
build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.**
- 2 Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you
your quiet presence
all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our hearts.**
- 3 Come touch our minds
and teach us how to reason,
set free our thoughts
to wonder and to dream;
help us to open doors of understanding,
to welcome truth and wisdom,
come touch and bless our minds.**
- 4 Come touch us in
the moments we are fragile,
and in our weakness
your great strength reveal;
that we may rise to follow and to serve,
steady now our nerve,
come touch and bless our wills.**

CONVERSATION TIME

A PRAYER for ORANGE SHIRT DAY

(Inspired by Honarine Scott's Orange Shirt Day blog; found on The United Church of Canada website.)

*~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 Lindsay Enns*

Philippians 2: 1-13

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he existed in the form of God,

did not regard equality with God

as something to be grasped,

but emptied himself,

taking the form of a slave,

assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

he humbled himself

and became obedient to the point of death—

even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly

and gave him the name

that is above every other name,

so that at the name given to Jesus

every knee should bend,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

and every tongue should confess

that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Reconciliation Song"

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~Joanne Diplock

VIDEO: "The Moderator's Orange Shirt Day Message 2026"

REFLECTION: ~Rev. Susan Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

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: *VU #541 – "Praise God from Whom ..."*

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(Ken)

~Joanne Diplock

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

*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.**

CALL to PRAYER: *VU #411 – "O God We Call"* (sung 2X)

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(Good)

~Joanne Diplock

**O God we call, O God we call,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn,
from deep inside we yearn for you.**

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: #79 MV – "*Spirit, Open My Heart*"**

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(Duck/Clyde)

~Joanne Diplock

**Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love, may I love,
In receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.**

- 1 God, replace my stony heart,
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
To your grace I now surrender. R**
- 2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed,
may my living bring you glory. R**
- 3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. R**

***CLOSING PRAYER**

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...Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord, hear our prayer.

***BLESSING**

***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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