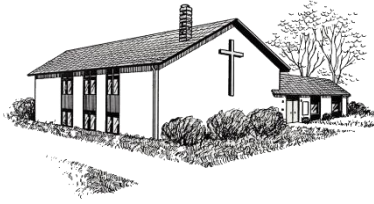


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Our Mission...

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 6th, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost
Toonie Sunday

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

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

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~Joanne Diplock

WELCOME and GREETING

*GATHERING VERSE: #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.

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Dorothy Franklin*

*Arise, shine, for your light has come;
and over you the glory of God has dawned.*

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 follow and learn from 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

Thank you for the gift of music,

for melodies and harmonies,

for voices of every pitch.

Thank you for composers and poets,

for instruments and musicians.

Thank you for ears to hear

and minds to comprehend

the gift that was given so long ago.

Immanuel, God with us,

be the song we sing,

each and every day.

Let yours be the melody we carry,

your song of peace ringing out.

Through everything we say and do,

let your grace notes overcome the struggles

so often encountered in this broken world. Amen.

INTRODUCTION to HYMN

*OPENING HYMN: VU #574 – "Come, Let Us Sing of a Wonderful Love" (Walmsley)

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~Joanne Diplock

1 Come, let us sing of a wonderful love,

tender and true, tender and true,

out of the heart of the Father above,

streaming to me and to you:

wonderful love, wonderful love

dwells in the heart of the Father above.

3 Jesus is seeking the wanderers yet;

why do they roam? why do they roam?

Love only waits to forgive and forget;

home, weary wanderers, home!

Wonderful love, wonderful love

dwells in the heart of the Father above.

- 4 Come to my heart, O thou wonderful love!
Come and abide, come and abide,
lifting my life till it rises above
envy and falsehood and pride:
seeking to be, seeking to be
lowly and humble, a learner of thee.**

OPENING PRAYER

**God of truth and life,
you speak and when we listen we are moved to act
and to be who you know we can be.
You put a song of freedom and love and life deep within us.
Sometimes we sing that song with confidence and courage
and at other times we become tongue-tied
by our failure to follow your path of love and compassion.
Help us to be inspired by your example
and never hesitate to praise you
with our songs of thanks and adoration. Amen.**

CONVERSATION TIME

INTRODUCTION to HYMN

***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.**

LISTENING FOR AND REFLECTING ON GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: *read by Carol Billan*

First Reading: **Colossians 3: 10-17**

Each of you is now a new person. You are becoming more and more like your Creator, and you will understand him better. It doesn't matter if you are a Greek or a Jew, or if you are circumcised or not. You may even be a barbarian or a Scythian, and you may be a slave or a free person. Yet Christ is all that matters, and he lives in all of us.

God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you. Love is more important than anything else. It is what ties everything completely together.

Each one of you is part of the body of Christ, and you were chosen to live together in peace. So let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts. And be grateful. Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. Whatever you say or do should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus, as you give thanks to God the Father because of him.

Responsive Reading: **Psalms 98: 1-8**

Sing to God a new song,

For God has done marvelous things.

Your right hand and your holy arm have brought victory.

You have made known your salvation

and revealed before the nations your saving power.

You have remembered your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

Break into joyous praise, sing psalms.

Sing psalms to God with the harp.

With the harp and melodious voice.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before our sovereign God.

Third Reading: **Matthew 6: 25-34**

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed

like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Response to Scripture:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

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~Peter Latimer

RESPONDING TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

INTRODUCTION to HYMN

*HYMN OF RESPONSE: "The Old Rugged Cross"

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(Bennard)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 On a hill far away
stood an old rugged cross,
The emblem of suff'ring and shame;
And I love that old cross
where the Dearest and Best
For a world of lost sinners was slain. R**
**So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
Till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
And exchange it someday for a crown.**
- 2 Oh, that old rugged cross,
so despised by the world,
Has a wondrous attraction for me;
For the dear Lamb of God
left His glory above
To bear it to dark Calvary. R**
- 4 To the old rugged cross
I will ever be true;
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;
Then He'll call me someday
to my home far away,
Where His glory forever I'll share. R**

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected*

~Joanne Diplock

*Offertory Hymn: 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

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

**For the blessings of this and all our days,
we thank you, gracious God.**

**Accept, we pray,
not just this money
but also our lives freely offered in gratitude
for all you have done for us.**

**Use them both, in this place
and wherever you might take us.
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

INTRODUCTION to HYMN

*CLOSING HYMN: "In the Garden"

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(Miles)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses. R**

**And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share
as we tarry there,
None other has ever known.**

**2 He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing. R**

**3 I'd stay in the garden with Him,
Though the night around me be falling,
But He bids me go; through the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling. R**

*BLESSING and SENDING FORTH

Go out into the world.

and in your words and in your lives

*bear witness to the Christ who has ascended
to be everywhere present.*

And as you come to know him,

may God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation,

may Christ Jesus lift up his hands and bless you,

and may the Spirit open to you all the riches of Christ's inheritance.

**We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
...In the name of Christ. 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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~Joanne Diplock