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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.

November 1st, 2026
All Saints' Sunday
Toonie Sunday

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

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 Grace Atkins*

(Adapted from Catherine Elsdon; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2022*.)

On All Hallows' Eve, some of us turned on porch lights
and placed candles into pumpkins
to light the way for trick-or-treaters.
When we gather as followers of Jesus,
we light a candle to guide us in his Way.

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 (Written by Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2013*.)

Who are God's saints?
Those through whom God's light shines.
Who are God's saints?
Those through whom God's love lives.
Who are God's saints?
Those through whom God's peace flows.
Who are God's saints?
You are God's saint.
We are God's saints.
All who live in God's love are God's saints!
Well, then, saints of God –
let us gather to remember who we are and whose we are!
Alleluia!

*SONG: ***"Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In"***

(Music: traditional; additional words from *Worship for All Ages*.)
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Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!

Oh, when the saints live in God's love
Oh, when the saints live in God's love
Oh, Lord, we want to be in that number
when the saints live in God's love!

And as we grow in faith and love
And as we grow in faith and love
May we come to be like Jesus
As we grow in faith and love!

Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, when the saints go marching in
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number
When the saints go marching in!

OPENING PRAYER (Written by Steve Garnaas-Holmes; from his *Unfolding Light* blog.)

Gracious and tender God,
we thank you that you have given us your saints
who have shown us your love and taught us your ways,
who have shone with your grace and radiated your presence.
We open our hearts to your word,
that your light may fill us and your grace transform us,
so that we, too, may be your saints,
humble vessels of your grace in the name of Christ. Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME

*SONG: ***"This Little Light of Mine"*** African-American spiritual; from the *Joyful Noise* songbook.

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1 This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2 Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

3 Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

4 Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

~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 Del Sexsmith*

Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you
and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,
`for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Response to Scripture:

Let us hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: ***"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"*** *sung to tune VU #565* (Scheffler)
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REFLECTION: "All the Saints"
~Rev. Susan Reed

We Respond to God in Prayer and Action

INTRO to STEWARDSHIP FOCUS: *#191 MV –* ***"What Can I Do?"*** *(sung 1X)* (Rumbolt)
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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.

STEWARDSHIP FOCUS "NKUC Financial Overview" *~Clayton Gording*

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

MINUTE for MISSION "The Small Church Issue" *Read by Shirley Alleyne*

INVITATION to the OFFERING

THE PRESENTATION of our TITHES and OFFERINGS

Offertory Music *as the offerings are collected* *~Joanne Diplock*

*Offertory Verse: VU#540 ***"Grant Us, God, the Grace"*** (anonymous)
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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

*Offertory Prayer (Adapted from Kate Crawford; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2014*.)

As so many have done before us, we make our offering now.
As so many have prayed before us, we ask your blessing upon it.
As so many have dreamed before us,
we pray that our gifts will touch many lives.
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: *VU #710 –* ***"Shall We Gather at the River"*** (Lowry)

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1 Shall we gather at the river,
where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide for ever
flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2 Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown. R

3 Soon we'll reach the shining river,
soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace. R

*COMMISSIONING (Adapted from Juanita Austin; from *Gathering S/A 2006*.)

Let us go into the world,
with gratitude for those who have inspired us,
challenged us, encouraged us, and given us life.
May we know that they bless us still.
Let us go into the world with the strength of these saints,
and with the blessing of God, for we are saints in the making.
Let us go, to inspire, shine, and bless!

*BLESSING (From *Worship for All Ages: Services for Special Sundays*.)

*CHORAL BENEDICTION (Price/Besig)

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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.

POSTLUDE ***"Moonlight Sonata"*** (Beethoven)

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