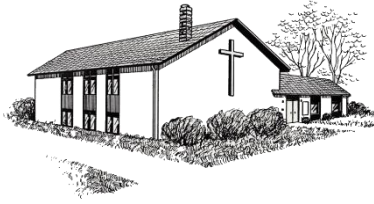


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Our Mission...

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.

October 18th, 2026

World Food Sunday ~ Stone Soup Sunday

Stewardship Campaign: "Grateful Living, Faithful Giving"

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

*OPENING REFRAIN: #182 MV – "**Grateful**" (chorus only, sung 2X)

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(Tomaszek/Hart)

~Joanne Diplock

**Grateful for the life you give us,
thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing
over all, O God of Love.
Grateful for the Bread of Heaven,
thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise 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

LIGHTING of the CHRIST CANDLE *~lit by Youth Group*

*(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 (Written by Richard Bott, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2020*.)

All that we are
is a gift of God!

All that we have
is a gift of God!

*Every breath we take...
Every movement we make...
The life in which we partake...*
is a gift of God!

And so we gather –
**to receive and to give back,
to listen and to teach,
to remind ourselves
that we are stewards of all God's gifts,
blessed in the sharing
of all talents and treasures!**

Alleluia!
Alleluia, amen!

***OPENING HYMN: VU #227 – "For the Fruit of All Creation"**

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(Green)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**
- 2 In the just reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.**

**In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.**

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

OPENING PRAYER Based on scriptural passages including Matthew 22:15-22
(Written by Mary Scifres; found on the *re:Worship* blog.)

Loving, living God, be among us now.

Show us your ways.

Guide our steps.

**Live in us, that we may be people of
steadfast hope and powerful giving.**

*Help us hear your words, challenging us to give you
all the things that are yours.*

**Help us remember that all we are
and all we have are gifts from you,
gifts to be shared in service and love.**

*Holy One among us, help us be a holy people
who receive your word with joy and live your message with love.*

Amen.

CONVERSATION TIME "The Story of Stone Soup"

*~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

***HYMN: VU #603 – "In Loving Partnership We Come"**

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(Strathdee)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.**
- 2 We are the hands and feet of Christ,
serving by grace each other's need.
We dare to risk and sacrifice
with truthful word and faithful deed.**
- 3 Loving community we seek;
your hope and strength within us move.**

**The poor and rich, the strong and weak
are brought together in your love.**

- 4 In loving partnership, O God,
help us your future to proclaim.
Justice and peace be our desire,
we humbly pray in Jesus' name.**

Scripture Reading: *read by Richard Miller*

Matthew 22: 15-22

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. So they sent their disciples to [Jesus], along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: *VU #718 – "O God, You Gave Your Servant John"* (Patterson)
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REFLECTION: "Give Therefore..."

~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 "Personal Testimonial: Why I Give"
~Barbara Wiebe

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#540 **"Grant Us, God, the Grace"**

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(anonymous)

~Joanne Diplock

**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 Richard Bott; from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2021*.)

**For what we receive, make us truly thankful, God.
For what we give, make us thankful too.
Grateful for all that we are, and for all that we might become,
may we commit to living thankful, thanks-filled 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 #697 – **"O for a World"**

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(Winter/Gläser)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.**
- 2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.**

- 3 We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.**
- 4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong,
the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong,
who perishes will rise.**
- 5 O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,
where time and tears will be no more,
and all but love will cease.**

***MEAL GRACE (*spoken*)** (Words by Bishop Federico Pagura, English trans. John L. Bell; from *More Voices* #193.)

**God bless to us our bread,
and give bread to all those who are hungry,
and hunger for justice to those who are fed;
God bless to us our bread.**

***COMMISSIONING**

**May we go from here
to share God's gifts and God's love
with a world in need.**

**And as we go,
may we know that God goes with us,
Christ leads us on the way,
and the Holy Spirit journeys with us always
as our companion and guide.**

Amen.

***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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