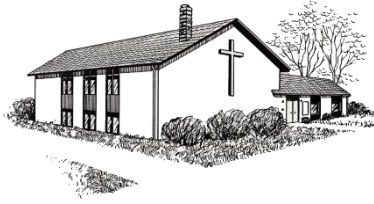


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Our Mission...

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 4th, 2026

World Communion Sunday ~ Creation Time 4

Toonie 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

***OPENING REFRAIN: #104 MV – "Know that God is Good"** (in English & Swahili) (Bumba)
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~Joanne Diplock

**Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.**

**Mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,
mungu ni mwema,
ni mwema, ni mwema.**

**Know that God is good,
know that God is good,
know that God is good,
God is good, God is good.**

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 Kathy Leech

(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

(Adapted from David Sparks; from *Prayers to Share Year C*.)

*We gather as members of this faith community
to pray, to praise, and to remember.*

In bread and cup unite us, O God.

*We gather in solidarity with Christians of every continent;
Christians of many denominations.*

In bread and cup unite us, O God.

*We gather as disciples of Jesus Christ,
to hear words of truth, compassion, and justice.*

In bread and cup unite us, O God.

*We gather in the traditions of the saints,
to be strengthened and serve faithfully.*

In bread and cup unite us, O God.

Come, and let us worship God together.

*OPENING HYMN: VU #402 – "We Are One"

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(Lankshear-Smith/Sam)

~Joanne Diplock

**1 We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;**

**and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.**

**2 We are one as we share,
as we share brokenness and fear,
in the touch of a hand
there's a sense that God is here.
We are one as we care,
as we heal, we are healed;
and we share warmth in God's embrace
as we pray together in this place.**

**3 We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.**

**4 We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

OPENING PRAYER (Adapted from David Sparks, from *Worship for All Seasons II: Year B.*)

**Spirit of the Living God,
who gathers the church into one body:
we gather again in Christ's name to worship you.
Make us aware of your presence
in what we say and do and dream.
Strengthen the ties of faith and affection
that hold us together as your people,
here in this place and around the world.
Strengthen us for love and service, we pray. Amen.**

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 Shirley Codd*

Exodus 16: 2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the pots of meat and ate our fill of bread, for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites: 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.' " And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.' "

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

1 Corinthians 10: 16-17

The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a sharing in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Response to Scripture:

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

Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM: "Come to the Feast"

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~Joanne Diplock

REFLECTION: "Bread and Community"

~Rev. Susan Reed

WE RESPOND TO GOD IN PRAYER AND ACTION

LIFE and WORK of the CONGREGATION

MINUTE for MISSION "God's Promise of Abundance" *Read by Sheron Miller*

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.**

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE (Adapted from Rev. Abi; found online.)

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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*COMMUNION HYMN: VU #460 – "All Who Hunger"

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(Dunstan/Moore)

~Joanne Diplock

- 1 All who hunger, gather gladly;
holy manna is our bread.
Come from wilderness and wandering.
Here, in truth, we will be fed.
You that yearn for days of fullness,
all around us is our food.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 2 All who hunger, never strangers;
seeker, be a welcome guest.
Come from restlessness and roaming.
Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
We that once were lost and scattered
in communion's love have stood.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**
- 3 All who hunger, sing together;
Jesus Christ is living bread.
Come from loneliness and longing.
Here, in peace, we have been led.
Blest are those who from this table
live their lives in gratitude.
Taste and see the grace eternal.
Taste and see that God is good.**

INTRODUCTION to COMMUNION

INVITATION to COMMUNION

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Including congregational response:

Come, come to the table.

CALL to GIVE THANKS

(From the New Zealand Prayer Book; found in *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

The Holy One is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise!

GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Written by Wehn-In Ng; from *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

SONG of CREATION

(From *Celebrate God's Presence*.)

*...who through the ages and all over the world
have borne courageous witness to the hope within them,
we praise you, saying:*

Holy, holy, holy God, power of life and love!

Heaven and earth are full of your glory!

Hosanna through the ages!

Blessed is the One who comes to bring your justice to earth!

WORDS of INSTITUTION

(From "A Global Table of Grace: World Communion Sunday 2026 Worship Resource" from Global Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Found online.)

BREAKING the BREAD and FILLING the CUP

(Written by Bob Root, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2018*.)

COMMUNION is SHARED

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

(From "A Global Table of Grace: World Communion Sunday 2026 Worship Resource" from Global Ministries, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Found online.)

*God of every nation and generation,
gather us into the great company of your people –*

those who have gone before us,

those who worship beside us,

and those we may never meet in this life.

*Until the day when every people and every nation
are gathered into your eternal feast,*

keep us faithful to one another and to you.

Send us from this table as people of Christ's peace.

One body. One Spirit. One Lord.

One faith. One hope. One table. Amen.

WE ARE SENT INTO GOD'S WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN: VU #468 – "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"

(Kaan)

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~Joanne Diplock

**1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

**2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. R**

**3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out,
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) everywhere! R**

***COMMISSIONING**

(Adapted from Robin Wardlaw, from *Gathering Pentecost 2 2013*.)

We have tasted God's goodness.

We have experienced God's generosity.

Let us go out to live love, to serve others, to rejoice in this meal.

**May communion with God and with each other
inspire all our words and actions,
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

***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.**

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