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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.*

Ninth Sunday in Pentecost  
August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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***Bold print** indicates a congregational response.*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGE THE LIT CHRIST CANDLE**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT of TERRITORY**

*In this place we acknowledge that we live and work, play and worship on Treaty One Land, in the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree and Dakota, and in the heart of the Metis Nation.*

*We acknowledge, with respect, the history, spirituality and culture of these peoples. We acknowledge their stories and their stewardship of the land and water, the plants and animals, through many generations.*

*And as Treaty people, we acknowledge our ongoing responsibility to be good stewards of this land, and all that lives on it, even as we seek to live with respect in Creation and in peace and friendship with its peoples.*

**OPENING MUSIC:** Joan Shaw

### **OPENING PRAYER**

**Merciful and Loving God, we thank you for being with us this day. Strengthen us as we worship and pray for others and ourselves. Lead, guide and direct us by your Spirit. Amen**

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: *Noreen Scott*

### **Isaiah 40: 1-8**

*God's People Are Comforted*

**40** <sup>1</sup> *Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.*

<sup>2</sup> *Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:*

*'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.*

<sup>4</sup> *Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.*

<sup>5</sup> *Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.'*

<sup>6</sup> *A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'*

*All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.*

<sup>7</sup> *The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass.*

<sup>8</sup> *The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.*

### **Psalm 119: 49-56**

<sup>49</sup> *Remember your word to your servant, in which you have made me hope.*

<sup>50</sup> *This is my comfort in my distress, that your promise gives me life.*

<sup>51</sup> *The arrogant utterly deride me, but I do not turn away from your law.*

<sup>52</sup> *When I think of your ordinances from of old, I take comfort, O LORD.*

<sup>53</sup> *Hot indignation seizes me because of the wicked, those who forsake your law.*

<sup>54</sup> *Your statutes have been my songs wherever I make my home.*

<sup>55</sup> *I remember your name in the night, O LORD, and keep your law.*

<sup>56</sup> *This blessing has fallen to me, for I have kept your precepts.*

Response: *This is the word of God; given that we might have life.*

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

MESSAGE: "Comfort"

*Betty Hamilton (see the attached sermon)*

SPECIAL MUSIC: Cec Anderson

## OUR RESPONSE

### PRAYER of Thanksgiving and Concern

*Dear Lord, thank you for being with us through the challenges of Life.*

*Heavenly Father, regardless of our age and abilities, we want to be your faithful servants. Use us as instruments of your peace so that we may comfort others in the name of your Son, the Prince of Peace.*

*Holy One, calm our anxious hearts, comfort us in our distress, free us from our fears and give us the courage to move forward.*

*On this day, O God, we remember those who give of themselves for others.*

*We pray for all those who are suffering and those who are sick, whether they are in hospital or home.*

*For those who are mourning the loss of loved ones, comfort them, O God.*

*We pray for our congregation and their families and those we name in the silence of our hearts. (silence)*

*We praise you with all our hearts, soul and strength.*

*May our worship be pleasing to you as we pray the prayer that you taught us:*

**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 CLOSE OUR WORSHIP

### BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

*Go in Peace to be keepers of God's Promise that we may live with love and serve each other and all creation. May the blessing of God be with us now and always. Amen.*

CLOSING MUSIC: Joan Shaw