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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.*

Tenth Sunday in Pentecost  
August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### **WELCOME and ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND**

*We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 land, the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota peoples, and the homeland of the Metis nation. We are thankful for these first inhabitants and we commit to working together towards justice, truth and reconciliation.*

### **THE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

#### **PRELUDE**

*Joan Shaw*

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Alcuin 8<sup>th</sup> century)*

*Eternal Light, **shine into our hearts;**  
eternal Goodness, **deliver us from evil;**  
eternal Power, **be our support;**  
eternal Wisdom, **scatter the darkness of our ignorance;**  
eternal Love, **have mercy upon us,**  
**that with all our heart and mind and strength**  
**we may seek your face**  
**and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.***

## **THE WORD OF GOD**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS: Barb Wiebe**

**Hebrew Scripture      **Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-28****

*Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.*

*Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves.*

*But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.*

*Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.*

*He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."'*

*So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.*

*Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed.*

*When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver.*

*And they took Joseph to Egypt.*

*Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying,*

*'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'*

*Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying,*

*'Truly you are the Son of God.'*

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

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "Who Knew?"

*Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)*

### **OUR RESPONSE**

#### **THE STATEMENT OF FAITH**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others  
by the Spirit. We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus,  
crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

## PRAYERS and 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 GLORIA

*(based on Ephesians 3:20-21)*

**Glory to God  
whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

*May the grace of God, deeper than our imagination;  
the strength of Christ, stronger than our need;  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit, richer than our isolation; guide and  
sustain us today and in all our tomorrows. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE

*Joan Shaw*