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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.*

Seventh Sunday in Pentecost  
July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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*\*The asterisk invites all to stand, if they are able, and the double asterisk \*\* indicates when to be seated;  
**Bold print** indicates a congregational response.*

## **WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY**

### Acknowledgement of the Christ Candle

### Acknowledgment 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

### Call to Worship

*From the beginning of creation to a future yet unborn,*

**from the depths of the earth, to the far reaches of the universe,**  
*the truth of God is revealed to us this day.*

**God's love surrounds us, the faith of God's people inspire us.**

*Let us worship with joy and thanksgiving.*

### Opening Prayer

**Loving God, your love breaks into our lives,  
and your word calls us out of our ease.**

**You move through our lives and tell us that we are yours.**

**Help us to hear your call, as we gather now to worship you,  
in spirit and in truth. Amen.**

**\*Hymn: #415 VU – “God, We Praise You for the Morning”**

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- 1 God, we praise you for the morning;  
hope springs forth with each new day,  
new beginning, prayer, and promise,  
joy in work and in play.**
- 2 God, we praise you for creation,  
mountains, seas, and prairie land.  
Waking souls find joy and healing  
in your bountiful hand.**
- 3 God, we praise you for compassion,  
all the loving that you show;  
human touching, tears, and laughter,  
help your children to grow.**
- 4 God, we praise you for your Spirit,  
Comforter and daily friend,  
restless searcher, gentle teacher,  
strength and courage you send.**
- 5 God, we praise you for the Saviour,  
come that we may know your ways.  
In his loving, dying, rising,  
Christ is Lord of our days.**
- 6 Hallelujah, hallelujah,  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Christ is Lord of our days!**

Prayer of Renewal

**God of our past, you have guided us on our journey through life.  
You have given us a story,  
    called us to live in community  
        and brought us to this time of worship.  
You have continually held us close to your heart,  
    forgiving us when we make mistakes.  
God of our present, we ask that you continue to journey with us.  
    Challenge us in our complacency.  
        Help us to grow in wisdom.  
            Teach us to be true to one another,  
                that all our words and actions be loving.  
In the name of Jesus, the Christ we pray. Amen.**

Sung Response: V.U. #958 – “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah” (X2)

**Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!  
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD**

Scripture Readings:

#### **Genesis 28:10-19a**

*Jacob’s Dream at Bethel*

*<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, ‘I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!’ <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ <sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19</sup>He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.*

#### **Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24**

*The Inescapable God*

*To the leader. Of David. A Psalm.*

*<sup>1</sup> O LORD, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue, O LORD, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup> Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.*

<sup>11</sup> If I say, 'Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night', <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you. <sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my thoughts. <sup>24</sup> See if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

## **Matthew 13:24-30**

*Jesus tells the Parable of Weeds among the Wheat*

<sup>24</sup>He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup>He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup>But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

### Response:

*We hear these words from Scripture.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### \*Hymn: #510 VU – **"We Have This Ministry"**

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- 1 We have this ministry  
and we are not discouraged;  
it is by God's own power  
that we may live and serve.  
Openly we share God's word,  
speaking truth as we believe,  
praying that the shadowed world  
may healing light receive.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.**
- 2 O Christ, the tree of life,  
our end and our beginning,  
we grow to fullest flower  
when rooted in your love.  
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,  
called to service by your grace,**

different cultures, different gifts,  
the young and old a place.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.

**3** The yoke of Christ is ours,  
the whole world is our parish;  
we daily take the cross,  
the burden and the joy.  
Bearing hurts of those we serve,  
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,  
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,  
we die and rise again.  
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.

Sermon: *Rev. Brenda Gibson* (see the attached sermon)

### **OUR RESPONSE**

#### Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

**God of all people,  
we gather at this time to give thanks  
for all the blessings we have received from your love.**  
**We know that there are times  
when we forget to offer our gratitude for all that we have,  
all that has been given to us,  
all that we take for granted.**  
**Even in the tough days,  
even in days of fear and quarantine,  
we know that your grace fills our lives with hope and peace.**  
**We know that your son, Jesus,  
teaches us to see beyond our own cares and worries.  
Help us to listen, and be wise and loving stewards of your kin-dom.**  
**God of all people,  
we gather at this time to remember all those who hurt this day.  
Many are known to us; many we have never met.  
Some are grieving,  
some are lonely,  
some are fighting for their lives,  
some do not know where to turn.**  
**We ache for your children everywhere, the young and the old** *(silence)*.  
**We ask that you be with us in our touching  
as we reach out to help and to hold.  
May ours be a touch that brings healing where there is hurt,  
that binds up and strengthens what is broken.**

**We ask you to be with us this day,  
as we travel into a future yet unknown.**

**In Jesus, name we pray, as we say together the prayer he 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**

**\*Hymn: #292 VU – “Creating God, We Give You Thanks”**

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- 1 Creating God, we give you thanks  
that this your world is incomplete;  
that battle calls our marshalled ranks,  
that work awaits our hands and feet.**
- 2 You have not finished woman, man,  
for we are in the making still,  
as friends who share the Maker's plan,  
as those who know your loving will.**
- 3 Beyond the present sin and shame,  
wrong's bitter, cruel, scorching blight,  
we see the beckoning vision flame,  
the blessed kingdom of the right.**
- 4 What though the kingdom long delay,  
and still with haughty foes must cope?  
It gives us that for which to pray,  
a field for toil and faith and hope.**
- 5 Since what we choose is what we are,  
and what we love we yet shall be,  
the goal may ever shine afar,  
the will to win it makes us free.**

**Sending Forth:**

*Go into the world to pray without ceasing.*

**We go filled with the Spirit's vision.**

*Go into the world to pray through your actions.*

**We go in the name of Jesus the Christ.**

*Go into the world to pray by your heart.*  
**We go blessed by God's grace.**

**\*Choral Benediction**

**May the Lord go with you,  
let him take your hand.  
Keep His love within you,  
until we meet again.  
Amen.**