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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.*

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

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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**

*In Christian teaching and tradition, each Sunday is believed to be a little Easter, a weekly celebration of the life, death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. So we light this candle, affirming that Christ is indeed the light of the world, our hope and our salvation. There is no other in whom we place our trust.*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**O God,  
you visit the earth and water it,  
you make it very fruitful.  
You provide the people with grain,  
for so you have prepared the land.  
You water earth's furrows abundantly,  
softening them with showers  
and blessing earth's growth.  
You crown the year with your bounty.  
For all your goodness,  
we worship and praise you, O God.**

**PRELUDE**

*Joan Shaw*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Creator God,  
we come to celebrate the beauty and bounty  
of your good earth:  
glorious blue skies and blazing fall colours;  
fields ripe for harvest;  
gardens overflowing with goodness.  
Grant us thankful hearts, we pray.  
May our prayers and our lives overflow with gratitude.  
We offer this worship to your glory, now and always. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: *Sylvia Banfield*

Hebrew Scripture

**Deuteronomy 8: 7-18**

*For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.*

*Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.*

The Epistle

**II Corinthians 9: 6-15**

*The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful*

*giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,*

*'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.'*

*He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!*

RESPONSE:        *This is the word of God.*

**Thanks be to God**

The Gospel

**Luke 17: 11-19**

~Rev. Don Johnson

*On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'*

GOSPEL RESPONSE:        *The Gospel of Christ.*

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON:                *"Generosity"*

~Rev. Don Johnson (see the attached sermon)

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

A CONFESSION OF FAITH

*A New Creed*

**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

### 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 DOXOLOGY

*(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 God, who clothes the lilies of the fields,  
And feeds the birds of the sky,  
Who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
Who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,  
Lead us, feed us, and change us  
To reflect the glory of our Creator,  
To whom we offer praise and thanksgiving,  
Now and through all eternity. Amen.*

## POSTLUDE

*Joan Shaw*