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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.*

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
September 6<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**

*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.*

### **PRELUDE**

*Joan Shaw*

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
till they find rest in you.  
Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose,  
that no selfish passion may hinder us  
from knowing your will,  
and no weakness keep us from doing it;  
but that in your light we may see light,  
and in your service find our perfect freedom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## THE WORD OF GOD

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Carol Barrett

### Hebrew Scripture

Exodus 12: 1-14

*The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*

*This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.*

### The Gospel

Matthew 18: 15-20

*'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you*

*ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'*

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

**Thanks be to God**

SERMON: "A Day of Remembrance"

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

## **WE RESPOND TO THE WORD**

### **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**

#### **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 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.*

*And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,*

*be with you now and always. Amen*

POSTLUDE

*Joan Shaw*