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16. SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 25, 2022

Welcome:

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Blessing:

Call to Worship: *Come, Now is the Time to Worship (See Insert)*

Confession and Forgiveness:

God of Mercy and Forgiveness,

We confess that our selfish ways still have a hold upon us.

We have harmed your good creation.

We have failed to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with you.

Turn us in a new direction.

Show us the path that leads to life. Be our refuge and strength on the journey,

Through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and friend. Amen.

Gathering Hymn: *Morning Has Broken ELW#556*

Prayer of the Day: *“And a Child Will Lead Us”*

Christ, we are grateful that you came to us as a child, who grew out of a community that nurtured, supported, and taught us the way of your ancestors.

You have asked us to do the same: to treat every child as we would treat you, to love every person as you have loved us.

We are grateful that **your power is rooted in love, not force; your strength is displayed through community, not might.** On this Day of Reflection, **we remember the stolen childhood of all the children forcibly raised by church-run institutions known as residential schools.**

We mourn the children who never made it home, **the communities that were destroyed, the stories never shared, and the shattered relationships.**

May your spirit's presence be with us this day as we listen, we learn, and we reflect. So that we may turn our hearts toward healing. **Amen**

Word

First Reading: Job 12:7-12

Gospel Acclamation: *ELW#801 Change my Heart, O God*

Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28 Response: *Glory to you, O Lord.*

Response: The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon:

Hymn of the Day: *Jesu, Jesu ELW# 708*

Profession of Faith:

We believe in God, who creates all things, who embraces all things, who celebrates all things, who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.

We believe in God as the source of all life, who baptises this planet with living water.

We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one, the malnourished one, the climate refugee, who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.

And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life, who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God, who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.

We believe in everlasting life in God. And we believe in the hope that one day God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.

Prayers of Intercession:

*Response to "God of Grace:" **Hear Our Prayer.***

Offertory:

Hymn: *Let the Vineyards ELW 182*

Lord's Prayer:

Indigenous Lord's Prayer: translated by Terry Wildman.

Oh, great father, the one who lives above us all. Your name is sacred and holy.

Bring your good road to us, for the beauty of the world above is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day the elk, the buffalo, the salmon, the corn, the squash the wild rice, all those good things we need to feed our families.

Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the wrongs done to us.

Guide us away from selfish desires that tempt us to stray from your good road and rescue us from that evil one and his worthless ways. Your good road with its great power and beauty shines like the sun to the time beyond the end of all days.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Canticle of Thanksgiving: *All Creatures, Worship God ELW #835*
Verse 1& 2

Thanksgiving for the Word: (Responses)

... For your Word that sustains the earth, we thank you, O God.

We thank you, O God.

... For your Word in our Lord Christ, we praise you, O God.

We praise you, O God.

... For your Word in our lives, we entreat you, O God.

We entreat you, O God

Sending

Closing Blessing: Tony Bomberry

Sending Hymn: *Light Dawns on a Weary World ELW# 726*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dismissal:

A: We journey with Christ, Go in Peace, share the Good News!

Thanks be to God, Alleluia.

WELCOME to Dermott Shepherd, Guest Musician.

MISSION TO SEAFARERS WARM CLOTHING DRIVE: Donations can be dropped off at the Church from now until Thanksgiving.

ETERNITY FOR TODAY: 4th quarter booklet is now available on the table at the side entrance.

SOCIAL HOURS will continue on the first Sunday of the month (Communion Sundays). Please check the sign-up sheet on the back bulletin board to host

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday September 26 – **Bible Study** at 2 pm

Sunday October 2 – Celebration of **Holy Communion**

Sunday October 9 – **Thanksgiving Sunday**

Special offerings that day will go to CLWR in support of World Food Day

Sunday October 30 – We will be celebrating the **Reformation** at the 10:30 service.

Please plan to attend this service and a luncheon after. Details to follow.

Sunday November 6 – **All Saints' Sunday** with **Holy Communion** and a Social Hour following.

AED (Defibrillator) – Volunteers needed for training.