**July 11**

Pre Service Slides

10:30 AM

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**Prelude (Colin Bonneau)**

Pulpit

News and announcements

Center

**Candles** are lit while one of you reads:

The light is all around us—a sign of the season for us as northern people.

(*Light the Christ candle.*)

The flame of this Christ candle reminds us of the beauty and presence of the light that paints the sky, bathes the land, and brightens our path. Thanks be to Creator for fire and sun, for flame and symbol, for the light of Christ.

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**Call to Worship**

Welcome to worship this morning!

**Our Triune God is here, among us, within us.**

Let us safely greet one another with the peace of Christ by looking at our neighbours with prayer hands and a nod (*worship leader demonstrates*),

saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

**The response is, “And also with you.”**

Welcome also to all who have joined us at (*name of community of faith*) by livestream. We are delighted to be able to worship with you and stay connected in this way.

**For together, we are the church!**

What we sing and say and pray is very important to our relationship with God.

**Our Triune God is here, among us, within us, between us.**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**Let us prepare our hearts and minds to enter into God’s presence.**

Let us pray,

**Opening Prayer**

We gather now to worship God: Kind Creator, Compassionate Friend, Ever-present Spirit.

**We gather, longing to encounter God, to experience the divine presence in the singing, in the sharing, in the receiving, in the touch of a welcoming hand, in the smile on a familiar face.**

God’s promise is to meet us here and to go with us as we journey onward, helping us to be faithful disciples of Jesus, empowered by the Spirit, here in this holy place and to the ends of the earth.

**With love and gratitude, let us worship God.**

**Opening Hymn:** **MV 40** Never Ending Joy

Center

**CONNECTION TIME**

**Reading from Scripture:**

**A reading from 1st Corinthians 13: 1-8b, this week reading from the paraphrase, The Message.**

If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don’t love, I’m nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.

**2**If I speak God’s Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, “Jump,” and it jumps, but I don’t love, I’m nothing.

**3-7**If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don’t love, I’ve gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I’m bankrupt without love.

Love never gives up.  
Love cares more for others than for self.  
Love doesn’t want what it doesn’t have.  
Love doesn’t strut, Doesn’t have a swelled head,  
Doesn’t force itself on others, Isn’t always “me first,”

Doesn’t fly off the handle, Doesn’t keep score of the sins of others,  
Doesn’t revel when others grovel, Takes pleasure in the flowering of truth,  
Puts up with anything, Trusts God always,  
Always looks for the best, Never looks back,  
But keeps going to the end. Love never dies.

**First Letter of John 4: 7-16 from the paraphrase the Message**

**7-10**My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God.

The person who refuses to love doesn’t know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can’t know him if you don’t love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they’ve done to our relationship with God.

**11-12**My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love!

**13-16**This is how we know we’re living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He’s given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we’ve seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God’s Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we’ve embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

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We respond:

In ages past, disciples, prophets, priests and historians wrote down their faith.

**This is a faithful witness of our ancestors.**

Word of God for us today.

**Thanks be to God.**

Pulpit

**Sermon** *Love is Kind and Patient*

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**HYMN Like a Rock MV 92**

**Invitation to the Offering**

As we have been loved, so may we love others.

As we have been fed, so may we feed others.

As we have received from God’s hand blessings beyond measure, may we also generously share with one another and with God’s world.

Let us present our offerings.

**DOXOLOGY AGCS #37,** *The Circle of Love*, source unknown,

(Chorus, verse one, Chorus)

Pulpit

**Prayer of the People**

Dear God, we live in a world that does not listen for the Holy Spirit. We live in a world that is troubled, a world of terrorism, sexism, and racism,

a world of fear, scarcity, and violence,

a world of abuse, addiction, and abandonment.

The Holy Spirit tells us to love others as you love us.

We pray for the courage to show others we love them.

The Holy Spirit tells us that the world will hate us.

We pray for the integrity to defy the world’s values.

The Holy Spirit tells us to give unselfishly. We pray for the strength to deny ourselves for the good of others. The Holy Spirit is God’s presence in us.

We are God’s presence in the world. May we bring God’s peace and comfort to those who are sick or in hospital, to those who are mourning loss, to those who are lonely or depressed, to those we name aloud or in our hearts.

(*a time of silence*)

May others know we are disciples of Jesus by our love of neighbour.

May we offer God’s love, compassion, and grace to all. May the Holy Spirit inspire us to live Christ’s commandment. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer (new, tune VU 713)**

**Hymn VU 586** *We Shall Go Out*

**Commissioning**

Go from this place today

**We go filled with God’s abundant love.**

Go from this place today

**We go filled with God’s love in our hearts.**

Go now from this place

**We go to** **share this abundance and love with others.**

Go now from this place

**We go and know that God is with us, each and every one.**

Go from this place. Go with peace.

**We go with grace. Amen.**

**Blessing Song: MV 224** *May the God of Peace*

Post Service Slides

**Postlude**

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