St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Thunder Bay July 9th, 2023

*indicates please stand if you are able **Bolded** passages are to be spoken in unison by the congregation

Guest Worship Leader: Rev. Pamela Hogewoning

We Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Lighting of Christ Candle

Words of Welcome

We Worship God

Call to Worship

God is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love.

God offers compassion to all creation.

With all God's creation, give thanks to the Lord.

With all God's creatures, great and small, we will bless the Lord.

In worship let us speak of God's glory and tell of God's wonder.

We come to praise God and seek God's peace in Jesus' name.

*Hymn

Come, let us sing to the Lord our song

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- Come, let us sing to the Lord our song: we have stood silently too long; surely the Lord deserves our praise, so joyfully thank God for our days.
- 2. O thirsty soul, come drink at the well; God's living waters will never fail. Surely the Lord will help you to stand, strengthened and comforted by God's hand.
- 3. You dwell among us and cause us to pray, and walk with each other following your way; our precious brothers and sisters will grow in the fulfilling love they know.
- Deserts shall bloom and mountains shall sing to the desire of all living things.
 Come, all you creatures, high and low; let your praises endlessly flow.

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Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn

Who made the earth and the heavens

1. Who made the earth and the heaven?

- Mighty hands!

Who made the man and the woman?

Awesome hands!

Who made the tree and the garden?

Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

3. Who made the swan and the swallow?

Mighty hands!

Who made the wind and the willow?

Awesome hands!

Who makes today and tomorrow?

- Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

5. Who loves the man and the woman?

- Mighty hands!

Who sent the Lamb and the Lion?

Awesome hands!

Who makes a new earth and heaven?

- Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

2. Who made the stars and the children?

Mighty hands!

Who made the stream and the salmon?

- Awesome hands!

Who made the lamb and the lion?

Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

4. Who sent the storm and the thunder?

- Mighty hands!

Who sent the flood and the fire?

- Awesome hands!

Who sent the dove and the rainbow?

Loving hands!

Who's got the world in mighty hands?

6. You've got the whole world

Might God!

You've got the whole world

- Awesome God!

You've got the whole world

-Loving God!

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Children's Time

Sharing a Sign of Peace

Peace be with you. And also with you.

Community Life Announcements

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings

- Zechariah 9:9-12
 - ⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
 - ¹⁰ He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem: and the battle-bow shall be cut off. and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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- As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.
- ¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

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❖ Psalm 145:8-14

- 8 The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all, and your compassion is over all creation.
- ¹⁰ All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, all your faithful shall bless you.
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of your realm, and tell of your power,
- ¹² to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendour of your realm.
- ¹³ Your realm is everlasting, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

All the words of the Lord are faithful; all the deeds of the Lord are gracious.

¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

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❖ Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

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The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Message

*Hymn

I heard the voice of Jesus say

- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast!" I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad; I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.
- I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink and live!" I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived and now I live in him.
 - 3. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun, and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.

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Offering

Doxology

All creatures of our God and King (v6)

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Let all things their Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness: sing praises, hallelujah! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One: sing praises, sing praises, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Words: based on Francis of Assisi's "Canticle of the Sun"

Prayer of Dedication

Farewell and Blessings for Sue Heald

- ❖ Jean Rawana
- Derek Buttars
- Kathie Pawlik
- Video Tribute

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

*Hymn

And can it be that I should gain

- 1. And can it be that I should gain God's riches through the Saviour's blood? Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should'st die for me? Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should'st die for me?
- 3. 'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies: who can explore his strange design? In vain the first-born seraph tried to sound the depths of love divine. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more. 'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore; let angel minds inquire no more.
- 2. Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night; thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light; my chains fell off; my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed thee. My chains fell off; my heart was free. I rose, went forth and followed thee.
- 4. No condemnation now I dread;
 Jesus, and all in him, is mine;
 alive in him, my living head,
 and, clothed in righteousness divine,
 bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
 Bold I approach the eternal throne,
 and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.
- 5. He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace, emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me. 'Tis mercy all, immense and free, for, O my God, it found out me.

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Benediction

Postlude



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