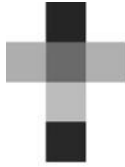


Welcome to the



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Thought for the week

Grandfather, look at our brokenness.
We know that in all creation only the human
family
has strayed away from the sacred way.
We know that we are the ones who are
divided,
and we are the ones who must come back
together
to walk in the sacred way.
Grandfather, sacred one,
teach us love, compassion and honour
that we may heal the earth and heal each
other.

From the Ojibway nation of Canada.

Order of Service for Sunday 29 October 2017

One World Week

Call to Worship - (congregational responses are **in bold**)

Come, let our hearts be glad
and our spirits rejoice,

**for God shows us the path of life
and leads us in the ways of peace.**

May the seeds of hopefulness
be planted in our hearts today,

**and the fruits of hopefulness
blossom and grow within this community.**

Introit: **You are the vine, we are the branches**

(MP 792)

You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.
You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.

Then we'll grow in Your love,
then we'll go in Your name,
that the world will surely know
that You have power to heal and to save.

You are the vine,
we are the branches,
keep us abiding in You.

Welcome & Prayer of Approach

Praise: Christ's is the world in which we move
(CH4 724)

- 1 Christ's is the world in which we move;
Christ's are the folk we're summoned to love;
Christ's is the voice which calls us to care,
and Christ is the one who meets us here.
*To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace,
Christ makes, with his friends, a touching place.*
- 2 Feel for the people we most avoid —
strange or bereaved or never employed.
Feel for the women and feel for the men
who fear that their living is all in vain.
- 3 Feel for the parents who've lost their child,
feel for the women whom men have defiled,
feel for the baby for whom there's no breast,
and feel for the weary who find no rest.
- 4 Feel for the lives by life confused,
riddled with doubt, in loving abused;
feel for the lonely heart, conscious of sin,
which longs to be pure but fears to begin.

Children's Message

Praise: He's got the whole wide world

(MP 225)

- 1 He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole wide world in His hands,
He's got the whole world in His hands.
- 2 He's got everybody here, in His hands . . .
- 3 He's got the tiny little baby, in His hands . . .
- 4 He's got you and me, brother, in His hands . . .

Blessing on the Children

Prayer of Confession - Elder - concluding with The 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 for ever. Amen.**

One of the stories contained within '*The story we find ourselves in*': The death of Moses - Deuteronomy 34:

1 - 12

(p. 214)

The Death of Moses

1 Then Moses climbed Mount Nebo from the plains of Moab to the top of Pisgah, across from Jericho. There the LORD showed him the whole land—from Gilead to Dan,

2 all of Naphtali, the territory of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Mediterranean Sea,

3 the Negev and the whole region from the Valley of Jericho, the City of Palms, as far as Zoar.

4 **Then the LORD said to him, “This is the land I promised on oath to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob when I said, ‘I will give it to your descendants.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you will not cross over into it.”**

5 And Moses the servant of the LORD died there in Moab, as the LORD had said.

6 He buried him in Moab, in the valley opposite Beth Peor, but to this day no one knows where his grave is.

7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

8 The Israelites grieved for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days, until the time of weeping and mourning was over.

9 Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.

10 Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

11 who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt—to Pharaoh and to all his officials and to his whole land.

12 For no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Praise: O God, our help in ages past

(MP 498)

- 1 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.

- 2 Under the shadow of Your throne
Your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is Your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

- 3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting You are God,
to endless years the same.

- 4 A thousand ages in Your sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies with the dawning day.

- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be our defence while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 – 8 (p. 1186)

1 You know, brothers and sisters, that our visit to you was not without results.

2 We had previously suffered and been treated outrageously in Philippi, as you know, but with the help of our God we dared to tell you his gospel in the face of strong opposition.

3 For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you.

4 On the contrary, we speak as those approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please people but God, who tests our hearts.

5 You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed—God is our witness.

6 We were not looking for praise from people, not from you or anyone else, even though as apostles of Christ we could have asserted our authority.

7 Instead, we were like young children among you. Just as a nursing mother cares for her children,

8 so we cared for you. Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well.

Matthew 22: 34 – 46

(p.991)

The Greatest Commandment

34 Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.

35 One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:

36 “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

37 Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’

38 This is the first and greatest commandment.

39 And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

40 All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Whose Son Is the Messiah?

41 While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them,

42 “What do you think about the Messiah? Whose son is he?”“The son of David,” they replied.

43 He said to them, “How is it then that David, speaking by the Spirit, calls him ‘Lord’? For he says,

44 “ ‘The Lord said to my Lord:“Sit at my right hand until I put your enemies under your feet.” ’

45 If then David calls him ‘Lord,’ how can he be his son?”

46 No one could say a word in reply, and from that day on no one dared to ask him any more questions.

Praise: Hail to the Lord’s anointed

(MP 204)

1 Hail to the Lord’s anointed,
great David’s greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression,
and rule in equity.

- 2 He comes with succour speedy
to those who suffer wrong;
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;
to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
were precious in His sight.

- 3 He shall come down like showers
upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers,
spring in His path to birth:
before Him, on the mountains,
shall peace the herald go,
and righteousness in fountains
from hill to valley flow.

- 4 Kings shall fall down before Him,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing;
to Him shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

- 5 O'er every foe victorious,
He on His throne shall rest;
from age to age more glorious,
all-blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never
His covenant remove;
His name shall stand for ever,
His changeless name of Love.

Sermon

Praise: Let there be love shared among us
(MP 411)

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now Your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise:
give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Offering – during which Jan Hendrik and Jaco will play:
“Fantasiestucke for clarinet and piano, op.43 part 1” by
Niels W Gade (1817-1890) and “Sicilienne, op.78” by
Gabriel Faure (1845-1924)

Prayer of Dedication followed by Church News

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Praise: Help us to help each other, Lord (Tune: St Columba)

1. Help us to help each other, Lord,
each other's load to bear;
that all may live in true accord,
our joys and pains to share.

2. Help us to build each other up,
your strength within us prove;
increase our faith, confirm our hope,
and fill us with your love.
3. Together make us free indeed
your life within us show;
and into you, our living head,
let us in all things grow.
4. Drawn by the magnet of your love
we find our hearts made new:
nearer each other let us move,
and nearer still to you.

Closing Responses - (*congregational responses are
in bold*)

We leave this place with gratitude for all that has past.

**We walk in the streets scandalised by the injustice
of the present.**

We return to our homes with a renewed determination
for the future.

**We rejoice in the example of those who have gone
before us.**

We steel ourselves to take up the task of bringing good
news.

Venturing! Striving! Hoping! Daring!

Until the end of suffering, **until the reign of peace,**

until the coming of the Kingdom.

We are those who seek new and better ways.

We are those who work and pray for the end of poverty.

**We are the people of God. All venturing! Striving!
Hoping! Daring!**

We are the people of God. Amen.

Benediction and three-fold Amen

Recessional: "There is a day" (MP 1115) and "The mooche"

(Duke Ellington)

1 There is a day that all creation's waiting for,
a day of freedom and liberation for the earth.
And on that day, the Lord will come to meet His
bride.

And when we see Him in an instant we'll be
changed.

2 The trumpet sounds, and the dead will then be
raised

by His power, never to perish again.

Once only flesh, now clothed with immortality;
death has now been swallowed up in victory.

We will meet Him in the air

and then we will be like Him

for we will see Him as He is, oh yeah.

Then all hurt and pain will cease,

and we'll be with Him for ever,

and in His glory we will live, oh yeah, oh yeah.

3 So lift your eyes to the things as yet unseen,
that will remain now for all eternity.

Though trouble's hard, it's only momentary.
And it's achieving our future glory.
We will meet Him in the air . . .

Are you in need of prayer or pastoral care?

Or do you know someone who is? Please put your requests in the prayer box on Sundays. Prayers can also be sent via the Prayer Coordinator, Irene Jardine, at pray.sicr@gmail.com

For pastoral care or a visit by an Elder or Minister, contact your Elder, the Church Office or the Minister.

Birthdays

This week we congratulate Bob Hensen, Ann-Lynne Bouwman, Gilberto Fleming, and Betty Polley on their birthdays.

Would you like your birthday mentioned? Inform the Office Team!

What's on the agenda?

Sunday 5 November 10h30 Sacrament of Holy Communion

Who's who Today

Minister: Rev. Derek Lawson

Elder: Emmanuel Asare-Awuku

Children's message: Derek Lawson

Organist: Jan Hendrik v.d. Kamp

Musician: Jaco Jacobs

Bible Reader: Tine de Groot (2nd & 3rd reading)

Welcome: Wistaria Cairo & Steve Russell
Crèche: Maaïke v.d. Eerden & Nnenna Koka
Deacons-Counting: Frieda Enow & Evelyn Koomson
Door: Ruud Witte
Beamer: Joshua Paundra
Recording: Andre v.d. Velden
Hospitality: Liz v.d. Velden & and friend TBA
Flowers: Magdalena Osas

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29.10.17 Church News announced by the Elder

- **The Adult Young Christian Fellowship** continues today at 12:30 in the attic of the Manse.
- **The Ladies Bible Study** continues **Monday 30th October 8pm @** Rev. Irene Bom's studying the book: "**A Heart for God: Learning from David through the Tough Choices of Life**" by Rebecca Manley Pippert.
- **The book Group** meets **Friday 17th November at 1 pm** in the Crèche. The book is *Girl on the train*. Bring some food to share. Ask Norma or Pat if you want to know more.

- There are still some opportunities for **Bible reading & bringing Flowers**. Please put your name and email on the notice board in the Lower Hall.
- You can **join an excursion to a Millieupark** and see how waste, too large for the bin, is disposed of. Speak to Pam if you are interested to go on a Thursday morning or afternoon.
- If you like to receive the **SICR Weekly Bulletin** in your mailbox every Thursday, make sure Ato Bob has your email address.
- If you **did not hear these announcements properly**, find them on the Notice Board downstairs, with a copy to take away.
- ***Please note: the spoken word counts!***