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* Εν αρχη ην ο λόγος * In the beginning was the Word * Au commencement était la Parole * An toiseach bhia am Focal * Al principio, c'era colui che è "la Parola" *

Season of Pentecost * *denotes standing* 16 July 2023

Port Wallis United Church

**is an open Congregation that affirms you as a child of God,
made in God's Image, and loved by God.**

**Today we will celebrate the Sacrament of Communion.
Since Jesus is the Host, ALL are invited receive Communion and
eat and drink with God.**

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME / BIENVENUE / FAILTE / PJILA'DIK

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LAND

BIDDING PRAYERS *at the end of each we will sing*
KYRIE ELEISON *(tune # 946 Voices United)*
as taken from the 1969 United Church Service Book

SILENT PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Jesus loves us this we know

And the Bible tells us so,

All of us to Christ belong

In God's Love we all are strong!

Yes, Jesus loves us, yes, Jesus loves us.

Yes, Jesus loves us, the Bible tells us so.

Amen. Let us worship God!

INTROIT (#37 in Voices United) *

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

God of the Universe,

You are the creative Force, who called creation into being,
and who is constantly calling us to new birth in Jesus Christ.

Send your Holy Spirit into our worship
that we may breathe in your Word,
be filled with your Life, and live for your Glory.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

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HYMN # 23 (MV) COME, O HOLY SPIRIT *

The Chorus repeats with a slightly different ending so be prepared!!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Creator and re-Creator, sower of good seed,
we offer You the uncultivated soil of our hearts.
Remove the weeds of selfishness, self-centeredness, and apathy
that choke out your Spirit.
Remove the stones of privilege
that keep us from a deeply rooted faith.
Plow through the prejudice
that prevents germination of new seeds.
Pardon us, forgive us and show us the Eden You propose.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HYMN # 95 (MV) HOW DEEP THE PEACE *

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

First Lesson: Genesis 25: 19 – 34

Psalm 119 (vs. 105-112)

*(italic text is a choral refrain. First, the Musician will play it
through, the Choir will sing it through to teach us, and then
the Congregation will join in)*

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light for my path.

I have taken an oath and a vow to You, our God,
and in the presence of your People today I confirm it,
that I will follow in the spirit of your righteous laws.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light for my path.

I have endured much;
hard decisions I have had to make,
Yet You have preserved my life, O LORD,
Just as You have promised according to your word.

Accept, O LORD, the praise I offer
for when I open my mouth, your praise flows forth.
 Teach me your laws,
your commandments, your decrees, your words.
 Though I constantly take my life in my hands,
 I will not forget your word.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light for my path.

**The wicked have set a snare for me, waiting for me to error,
 but I have not strayed from your precepts.**
 Your statutes are my heritage forever; my guide in life!
They are the joy of my heart, showing me the pathway home.
 My heart is set on keeping your decrees to the very end.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, and a light for my path.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end, Amen.**

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 13: 1 – 9, 18 – 23 *

A TEACHING TIME *(a time of learning for younger folk)*

TEACHING PRAYER

In peace, dear God, I come to You
 through Jesus Christ who makes me new
 And while I run or play or rest,
 be with those whom I love best,
 Guide me in your Holy Way,
 as You walk with me each day, AMEN.

HYMN # 226 (VU) FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH *

REFLECTION ON THE SCRIPTURES

HYMN # 549 (VU) FOR ALL YOUR GOODNESS GOD *

This will be sung in a round.

The Offerings of the people will be presented as we sing.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Please follow along on the Communion Insert in your Bulletin.

HYMN # 651 (VU) GUIDE ME O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH *

BENEDICTION *

May the blessing of the Maker be yours,
Encircling us, above us and within us.
 May the blessing of the Son be yours,
**The Wine and the water, the Bread and the stories,
 to feed us and remind us.**
 May the blessing of the Spirit be yours,
**The wind and the fire, the still small voice of calm,
 to comfort us and disturb us.**
 May the blessing of God, Three-in-One and One-in-Three,
 be yours, this day and every day,
To protect us, defend us, encourage us and strengthen us.
 And may we bless each other,
**A blessing rooted in our common pilgrimage,
 the blessing of a friend.**

EXCHANGING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST *

CHORAL PARTING PRAYER # 212 (in More Voices) *

Sent out in Jesus' Name Our hands are ready now
 To make the world the place In which the Kingdom comes.
 Sent out in Jesus' Name Our hands are ready now
 To make the world the place In which the Kingdom comes.
 The Angels cannot change A world of hurt and pain
 Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
 The task is ours to do To set it really free
 O, help us to obey And carry out your will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

MUSICAL POSTLUDE

*Thank you for worshipping with us this morning.
 The richness of your spirit has blessed us.
 If we can be of service to you, please ask.*