A flock of birds sitting on top of a body of water

Description automatically generatedWe hope you have had a good week. You are all held with love.

As the days are getting cooler, we are getting out our heavier coats, our snow tires on and putting our planters and gardens to bed. It is satisfying to have the rhythm of the seasons to count on. Enjoy the fresh air, the sun when it warms us and the beautiful autumn colours.

Reflection for October 25, 2020

Scripture: Matthew 22:34–46

Maybe you’ve heard – or even used – the acronym “K.I.S.S.” The letters stand for “Keep It Simple, Stupid.” Maybe not the nicest way to say it (!) but the sentiment is a good one.

As humans, we often tend to make things more complex than they need to be. We think we want things simple and easy to understand, but as time goes on we make them more and more confusing by adding more and more words.

Jesus offers a wonderful, simple set of instructions for daily life in today’s reading: “love God with everything you have, and love your neighbour as much as you love yourself.” Such good advice. Yet, it can be so difficult to follow. And, we love to complicate it.

What does it mean to love God? What does it mean to love ourselves? What does it mean to love our neighbours in the same way? Once we can figure that out, we’re 50% of the way there. The next thing is to do it.

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Worship with Summerland United Church

October 25, 2020 09:45 AM Vancouver

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**October 25, 2020**

**A Sunday Service for Summerland and Westbank United Churches**

**Donald Schmidt**

**Power Point:  Judi Ritcey (SUC)**

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**GATHERING TIME:**9:45AM

**TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**Donald

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**Donald

**BELL RINGING:**10AM

**WORDS OF WELCOME:**Clive Saunders, Westbank United

*A warm welcome to our friends from Summerland and Westbank United Churches who are with us today and to all those joining us from other locations. If there are any visitors joining us today from other congregations or other places, we would love to know your names. The host will now unmute everyone, and if you are comfortable, we invite visitors to introduce themselves.*

**MOMENT OF SILENCE TO VIEW THE CONGREGATION –**Donald

*Friends, we gather apart but together. I invite you now to switch to gallery view or scroll through your screen to witness the children of God gathered with us today, and to know that we are not alone.*

**LIGHTING THE CANDLE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WE SING TOGETHER**         Who Is My Mother? (MV 178)

**OPENING PRAYER***(all voices together; from*The Whole People of God)

God of love, we are so very grateful that you love us unconditionally. Help us to love you, too, and to love our neighbours as well as ourselves. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

**WE SING TOGETHER**                     For the Beauty of the Earth (VU 226)

**SCRIPTURE READING**                   Matthew 22:34–46 *(The Message)*  
                                                            Reed MacWilliams, Summerland United

**REFLECTION**

**WE SING TOGETHER**Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (VU 684)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**Donald

**THE LORD’S PRAYER                      
OFFERING & PRAYER OF DEDICATION***(from*The Whole People of God) Donald

Loving God, we offer you our gifts and ourselves, to bring together the circle of life – the material and the spiritual, worship and work. Help us to use all our gifts wisely, that they may bring healing and wholeness to a broken world. Amen.

**WE SING TOGETHER**Sent Out in Jesus’ Name (MV 212)

**BLESSING**

**BREAK INTO CHAT ROOMS**

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Scripture: Mathew Chapter 22: 34-46

The Most Important Command - The Message

34-36 When the Pharisees heard how he had bested the Sadducees; they gathered their forces for an assault. One of their religion scholars spoke for them, posing a question they hoped would show him up: “Teacher, which command in God’s Law is the most important?”

37-40 Jesus said, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your passion and prayer and intelligence.’ This is the most important, the first on any list. But there is a second to set alongside it: ‘Love others as well as you love yourself.’ These two commands are pegs; everything in God’s Law and the Prophets hangs from them.”

David’s Son and Master

41-42 As the Pharisees were regrouping, Jesus caught them off balance with his own test question: “What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is he?” They said, “David’s son.”

43-45 Jesus replied, “Well, if the Christ is David’s son, how do you explain that David, under inspiration, named Christ his ‘Master’?

God said to my Master, “Sit here at my right hand until I make your enemies your footstool.”

“Now if David calls him ‘Master,’ how can he at the same time be his son?”

46 That stumped them, literalists that they were. Unwilling to risk losing face again in one of these public verbal exchanges, they quit asking questions for good.