

Transfiguration – 19 February 2023



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Opening Hymn - VU289 v3. *It only takes a spark*
I wish for you my friend, this happiness that I've found
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound
I'll shout it from the mountain top, I want my world to know
The Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

Land Acknowledgement

We gather here mindful of the many who, for millennia, have called this valley home or depended on its trails for safe passage.

We know this community as Fernie; it is also the unceded territory of the Ktunaxa people and Métis Nation.

We strive for reconciliation with our Indigenous siblings, and pray that the Creator will guide our way.

Lighting the Christ Candle

When the light of your love grows dim,

may this light rekindle the flame so that your love lights up the room.

[The Christ candle is lit.]

Beth W Johnston, Nipawin, SK

Call to Worship

This is the day that God has made!

Rejoice. Rejoice. Hallelujah!

This morning is God's morning!

It is the morning we praise God in worship. It is the morning God will receive our confessions, our prayers, and our offerings. It is the morning we meet Jesus on the mountaintop. It is the mountain to experience a special closeness with God.

This is God's day.

It is the day of Sabbath rest. It is the day of renewal for the week of Christian service ahead.

This is the day the Morning Star rises in our hearts.

For this morning, this day, this life is God's. Thankfully, it is all God's.

Elaine Bidgood Sweet, Leeds, ND

A Prayer for Renewal

O God who knows the needs of the Church in every place:
by the light of your Holy Spirit, guide us
as we seek to respond faithfully to you in this time.

May we open our hands to the future you call us to;
May we open our hearts to those you are calling us to serve;
May we open our minds to new insight and new knowledge;
May we open our doors to go out towards those you would have us meet.

Lead us into your future together;
help us to build trust and resilience in our common life;
help us to anticipate and celebrate new possibilities.

We pray these things in the name of Jesus,
the one who invites us into the newness of life.

Amen

Reader: *Ev Cutts*

Readings: *Exodus 24.12-18, Matthew 17.1-9*

Exodus 24.12-18

The Lord said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

May God be With You
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew
Glory to you, O Christ.

Matthew 17:1-9
The Transfiguration

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.'

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you O Christ.

Hymn of Praise - MV135 v.2 Called by Earth and Sky

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky

Precious this gift the air we breathe, wind born and free
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place
Our gathering and our grace

Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high
This is our sacred living trust, treasure of Life, sanctified
Called by earth and sky

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Andrea L. Brennan - "Transfiguration"

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Offering

God of the transfiguration, we bring our gifts to you, ordinary gifts that you use to build our church in this time in our world. Dazzling Mountaintop God, you use ordinary and challenging circumstances in life to reach out to us. Help us to notice you and the ways you are calling us to serve in your name. Remove the fear that clouds our hearts and thoughts, and set us free to love and serve this ordinary world in an extraordinary way. May these offerings be magnified and multiplied to bring love, justice, and compassion here in Fernie and in our world. **Amen**

Lori Van Santvoort-Jansekovich, Thunder Bay, ON

Hymn of Thanksgiving - MV154 v.2 Deep in our Hearts

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

If you wish to make a donation to support our ministry
please send a cheque or e-transfer to:

Knox United Church
Box 1808, Fernie, BC VoB 1Mo
knoxferniefinance@gmail.com

Christ Church Anglican
Box 279, Fernie, BC VoB 1Mo
christchurchfernief@gmail.com

As the offering plate is brought forward we sing the doxology:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures high and low;
praise God above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

A New Creed

We are not alone,

we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,**

the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God's presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

Your Generosity Matters – Religion in the Service of Humanity

Read by: Mary Elson

Prayers of the People

Led by: Sandra Barrett

*We thank you, O God, for the day you have given to us,
for the rain which falls, the sun that shines,
for the wildlife with whom we share this majestic place,
for the goodness and joy of your Creation.
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.***

*We praise you, O God, for those who lead us in small and large ways;
for our Fernie Knox United Church Board, our Christ Church Anglican Church
Committee and our Joint Church Committee who seek to hear you and lead us in
our Shared Ministry;*

*For Deborah, our President; Treena, our Executive Minister, Kathy our Regional
Minister, for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Andrea, our Regional Dean
for Carmen, our Moderator, the United Church of Canada, Pacific Mountain Region
for Linda, our Primate; the Anglican Church of Canada, the Diocese of Kootenay
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.***

*We ask you, O God, to bless all who work in service
for the frontline workers, in medical care, and education
for the frontline workers, in hospitality, grocery and food services
for all who are tired, weary and exhausted,
Creator God, **let your kingdom come.***

*We ask you, O God, to be with those who are on our hearts this day,
give peace to those who struggle,
give relief to all who are starving,
give hope to those who are despairing;*

silence is kept for additional petitions

Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

*We ask you, O God, to be with those who are fleeing their homes,
for peace in Russia and around the world.*

for an end to the occupation of Ukraine

for a peaceable end to unjust and unwelcome global conflicts.

Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to be with all who will die today,

that they may be welcomed home into your arms,

that their families and friends may find the deep peace which passess all

understanding may they always remember the one

whom they loved and who loved them,

Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

We ask you, O God, to be with us –

in sharing our grief

in celebrating our joy

in leading us along the paths you would have us follow,

Creator God, **let your kingdom come.**

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,

we are bold to pray,

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

Commissioning

Friends, as our worship ends, our service in the name of Jesus continues. We are agents of God's love, God's peace, and God's justice, ready to be a blessing in our ever-changing world. Go now, in the name of Christ, to live and serve and love.

Amen

Extinguishing our Candles

As we move from this time of community and communion
**we hold in our prayers those who are with us in person,
on screen and in our hearts,**
knowing that one day, we know not what day,
**we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish,
but as we are able. Amen**

Sending Song - This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel – NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel – NO, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Don't let Satan blow it out, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine till Jesus comes, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Upcoming...

Christ Church Church AGM - today at Noon by Zoom and In Person
1:30 pm - Rocky Mountain Village Worship

Monday 20 February - Family Day

Tuesday 21 February - Office Hours (Shrove Tuesday)

Wednesday 22 February - Office Hours

10:00 am - Ash Wednesday Worship

Thursday 23 February - Office Hours

Noon - Greater Clericus by Zoom

Friday 24 February - Sabbath for Andrea+

Saturday 25 February - Catch-up and Sermon Writing

NEXT WORSHIP - Sunday 26 February @ 10:00 am - Holy Eucharist (ACC)

If joining online, please have your communion elements ready

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Advent-Christmas-Epiphany 2022-23, Voices United, and More Voices.

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