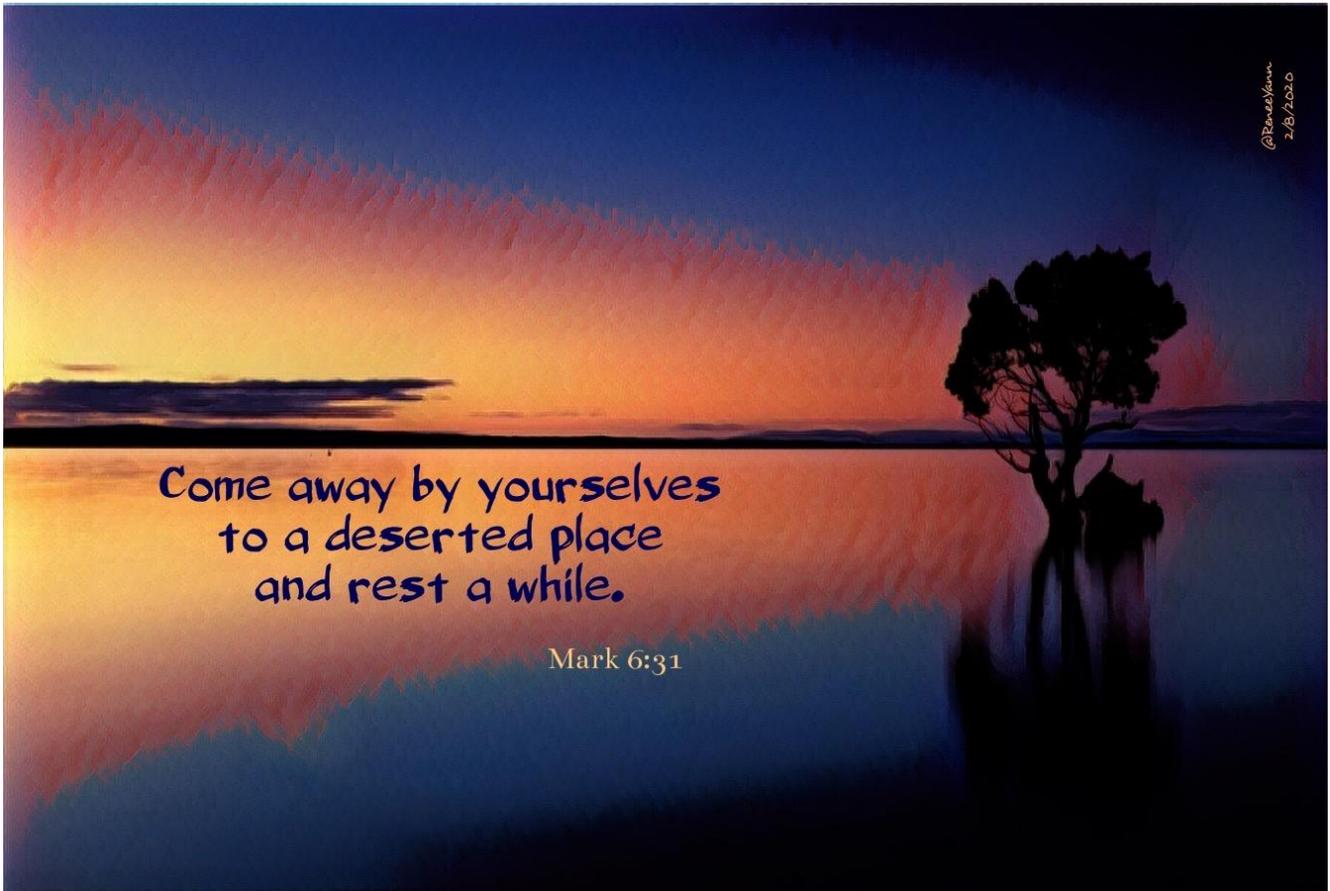


## Sunday 18 July 2021 - Pentecost 8



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### **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 Metis Nation. May we be good and gracious guests of this corner of Creation.

### **Lighting the Christ Candle**

Oh, warm and comforting flame, sparkle, sparkle now!

Guide into a safe soul refuge.

Though shadows prevail, in mood or mind, we follow the light into the calm.

How we long for the light and look for this light, and flickering, here it is:

Christ -- the light of day -- the bright and comforting twinkling night light,  
the infinite and lovely flame of serenity.

We welcome you, Light of Christ

*Jani Francis, Indian Head, SK*

### **Call to Worship**

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

#### **We come to learn from God.**

God's works are faithful and just; God's precepts are trustworthy.

#### **We come to give thanks to God.**

God has sent us redemption and commanded a covenant to last forever.

#### **We come to seek mercy from God.**

Holy and awesome is God's name.

#### **We come to give God praise.**

*Jean Leckie, Brampton, ON*

### **Opening Prayer**

A prayer as I put on my mask:

Creator,

as I prepare to go into the world,

help me to see the sacrament in the wearing of this cloth -

let it be "an outward sign of an inward grace" -

a tangible and visible way of living love for my neighbours,

as I love myself.

Christ,

since my lips will be covered, uncover my heart,

that people would see my smile in the crinkles around my eyes.

Since my voice may be muffled, help me to speak clearly,

not only with my words, but with my actions.

Holy Spirit,

As the elastic touches my ears, remind me to listen carefully -

and full of care - to all those I meet.

May this simple piece of cloth be shield and banner,

and each breath that it holds, be filled with your love.

In your Name and in that love, I pray.

May it be so.

May it be so.

*Right Rev. Richard Bott, Moderator of the United Church of Canada*

## **HYMN – MV1 v.1,5 - Let Us Build a House**

Let us build a house where love can dwell, and all can safely live  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved treasured, taught and claimed as words within the World.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayer of faith and songs of grace;  
let his house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

### **Prayer of Illumination**

I offer these words of hope,  
**and our fears are calmed.**

I offer these words of pace,  
**and our conflicts are resolved.**

I offer these words of challenge,  
**and we are ready to respond.**

I offer these words of Jesus,  
**and the Christian way becomes clear.**

I invite you to listen with an open mind.

**We will, and with loving hearts as well.**

**Amen**

*David Sparks, Summerland, BC*

### **Reader: Susan Schmitz**

**Mark 6.30-34, 53-56**

**Importance of Rest**

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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## Healing the Sick in Gennesaret

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **HYMN – VU626 v1, 3 -- I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
lay down O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."

I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your 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 travelling days are done.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "Come Away for a Rest"

## **We Responding in Giving and Gratitude** **Our Church Tithes and Offerings**

### **Invitation**

As we have been loved, so may we love others.

As we have been fed, so may we feed others.

As we have received from God's hand blessings beyond measure,  
may we generously share with one another and with God's world.

Blessed be God for these offerings.

*Karen MacNeill, Vernon Bridge, PEI*

## Hymn of Thanksgiving – VU145 Draw the Circle Wide

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

God the stillpoint of the circle, 'round whom all creation turns;  
nothing lost, but held forever in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;  
let our loving know no borders, faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger, then we've ever dreamed before;  
let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.  
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,  
standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

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Box 279, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0  
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### **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.

### **Prayers of the People**

Petition and **Response:**

God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love**

God of love and mercy, be with us as we gather in these uncertain times.  
The pandemic is drawing to an end, the world is beginning to re-open.  
Calm our minds, give us the deep peace we seek as we yearn to know you.  
God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those front line workers; hospital, health unit, police, ambulance and EMT's;  
grocery clerks, pharmacists and their assistants who are tired from carrying  
never-ending stress during the pandemic, and who seek deep rest and peace.  
God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those in the Elk Valley who care for our corner of creation.  
For our Mayor, Ange; our Premier, John; and our Prime Minister, Justin.  
For Adrian Dix and Dr. Bonnie Henry.  
God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless all those who lead us in small and large ways.  
For our Conference Minister Kathy, our Regional Minister Treena, our Regional  
Council President Blair, and for our Moderator, Richard.  
For our Regional Dean Neil, our Archbishop Lynne, and for our Primate, Linda.  
For the Pacific Mountain Region, for the United Church of Canada.  
For the Diocese of Kootenay, for the Anglican Church of Canada  
God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless and protect those who are on our hearts today.  
Those who have received, are waiting to receive the vaccine.  
Whose names we offer to you silently or aloud -- PAUSE  
God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Be with those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and are separated from their families. We give thanks for those who have recovered from the virus. We pray that for those whom cure is not possible, that their death may be merciful, swift and gentle. God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless those who have received their first and second doses of the vaccine. Give patience to those who are still waiting. Bring calm to those who are uncertain whether or not to receive the vaccine.

God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

God of Mercy be with those who will die this day. Draw them into your arms and let them know they have found a home with you.

God, as we hope – **Open our hearts to love.**

### **Paraphrase of the Lord's Prayer**

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen.

### **Your Generosity Matters - “Outdoor Ministry” - Mary Elson**

#### **Commissioning**

As you return to the world, know that God remembers you,

God gathers and upholds you, and God sends you out as evangelists,

to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with your neighbours, by word and example.

*George Allan, Chatham, ON*

## **Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

As we celebrate the resurrection, may we share that joy and hope,  
knowing that one day, we know not yet what day,  
we will be together again, not necessarily as we wish,  
but as we are able.        Amen

*Andrea Brennan, Fernie, BC*

## **SENDING HYMN – MV90 Don't Be Afraid**

Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
my love is stronger than your fear.  
Don't be afraid. My love is stronger,  
and I have promised, promised to be always near.

## **Upcoming this week...**

Monday 19 July – Administration and Worship Planning

Tuesday 20 July – Reverend Andrea at Knox United  
3:00 pm - Laura & Matt pre-marriage planning

Wednesday 21 July – Reverend Andrea at Christ Church  
10:00 am - Saint's Day Worship broadcast by Zoom

Thursday 22 July – Worship and Homiletic Prep  
Noon - Greater Clericus  
2:00 pm - Hymn Selection Committee Meeting at Knox United Church

Friday 23 July - Rehearsal for Bev Cummings and Randy Durham

Saturday 24 July - Wedding for Bev Cummings and Randy Durham in Jaffray

**NEXT WORSHIP** – 25 July - Pentecost 9 broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican  
Weather permitting we will gather behind Christ Church in the flower grove.

## **Credits:**

The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Pentecost 1, 2021, Voices United, A New Zealand Prayer Book, and More Voices. Prayers of the People and Extinguishing prayers written by Reverend Andrea L. Brennan ©2021.

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