

# Sunday 18 October 2020 – World Food Sunday



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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. May we be good and gracious guests of this corner of Creation.

## **Lighting the Christ Candle**

We light the Christ candle knowing that Christ's love shines like a beacon for those of us who are troubled, who are anxious, who are unsure, welcoming us into the presence of our God, who loves us into fullness.

*Fern Gibbard, Osooyos, BC*

## **Call to Worship**

One: These are difficult times.

All: Yet we come bearing hope.

One: When the world we once knew is passing away,  
when hunger and homelessness are rampant,  
hope seems like a difficult choice.

All: We know we are not alone in our hope.

One: Yes, you have Christ who has been among you.

All: He knows what it means to have pain and to  
have suffered. He showed us how we are to  
share and provide for all.

One: We are not alone!

All: Thanks be to God!

*Eric Hebert-Daly, Quyon, PQ*

## **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 – VU374 Come and Find the Quiet Centre v.1**

Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we can see  
all the things that really matter,  
be at peace, and simply be.

### **Prayer**

O God, who offered bread to desert wanderers;  
O Christ, who offered bread  
on the night he was betrayed;  
O Spirit; who feeds all who hunger,  
join with us here, we pray.  
Through tears,  
let those wounded and lost find hope.  
Through tears,  
let friends recognize Christ in one another.  
Through tears,  
let all the world satisfy its hunger  
for bread and for peace,  
until children and elders,  
enemies and friends all smile together. Amen

*Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, ON*

**Reader: Mary Cosman**

READINGS FOR THE DAY

Matthew 22.15-22

The Question about Paying Taxes

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

**HYMN – VU506 Take my Life v.5**

Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet it's treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – In God We Trust?

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

**Call to Offering**

Lord,  
you have spoken and we have answered.  
Accept our gifts today as a token of our  
thanks for all the blessings that surround  
us. May these gifts and our talents be an  
inspiration to us and others to build a  
better world in which we all have enough. Amen

*Jim McKean, Orillia, ON*

**Hymn of Thanksgiving – VU540 Grant Us, God, the Grace**

Grant us, God, the grace of giving  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.

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 V0B 1M0  
knoxferniefinance@gmail.com

Christ Church Anglican  
Box 279, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0  
christchurchferniefinance@gmail.com

## **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 fear – **Open our hearts to love**

God of love and mercy, be with us as we gather in these uncertain times.  
Calm our minds, give us the deep peace we seek as we yearn to know you.  
God, as we fear – **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 testing  
their own health that they may keep us safe, fed and supported.

God, as we fear – **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 fear – **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 Bishop Lynne, our Metropolitan Melissa,  
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 fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

Bless and protect those who are on our hearts today.  
Who's names we offer to you silently or aloud -- PAUSE  
God, as we fear – **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 fear – **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 fear – **Open our hearts to love.**

**Joining our prayers and praises together,**  
Let us pray the prayer our Saviour taught us...

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

**MINUTE FOR MISSION – Mary Elson**

## **Commissioning**

We are the light and love of God!  
Let us go out into the world and challenge its  
chaos with the good news that God's love is for all!  
Through our witness, may we spark the fire of God  
in others. AMEN

*Sandy Ferguson, Edmonton, AB*

## **Extinguishing the Christ Candle**

Our time together has come to an end,  
we now go about the rest of our day,  
knowing in small and in large ways,  
we are connected to each other, through you, O God. 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 October – Administration and Worship Planning

Tuesday 20 October – Reverend Andrea at Knox United  
4:30 pm – B&C final prep by Zoom

Wednesday 21 October – 10:00 am Saints Worship @ Christ Church  
1:00 pm – Funeral at Cherished Memories  
6:00 pm – Fernie Pride Society Board Meeting

Thursday 22 October – Noon – Greater Clericus (ACC) by Zoom  
5:30 pm – Christ Church Anglican, Church Committee by Zoom

Friday/Saturday 23/24 October – Andrea+'s Sabbath

Sunday 25 October – 10:00 am Worship – United-Church style

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from  
Gathering: Pentecost 2, 2020, Voices United, and More Voices. Candle  
extinguishing prayer and Prayers of the People written by Reverend Andrea  
Brennan.