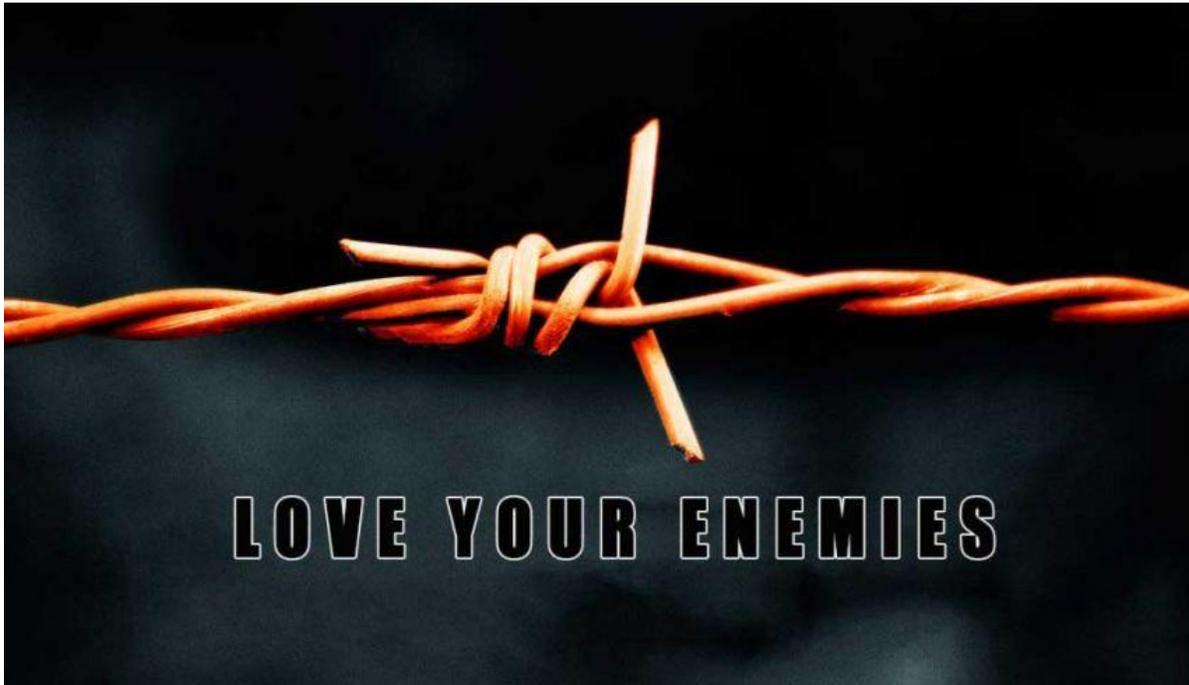


Epiphany 7 - 20 February 2022



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Opening Hymn - MV 145 Draw the Circle Wide

God the still-point 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 than 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.

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

Our days are growing longer, slowly, slowly.

We light this single candle to remind us

that even though things are not yet as we'd like them to be, we continue to wait...somewhat patiently, and join together in person and online, dreaming, hoping, wishing for that day when we will gather again,
not necessarily as we wish, yet as we are able.

Call to Worship

We are gathered together, because we want to worship God,

to give thanks to God for God's presence in good and bad times.

to confess to God those moments we have been unfaithful,

to listen for God's word in our lives and our life together,

to lift up those concerns close to our hearts.

We are gathered together to be the body of Christ.

May God find a welcome home among us.

Frances Flook, Emo, ON

Prayer of Illumination

As we sit in our sacred spaces, which are lit with the light that represents our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, we long to receive the words of how he came to be the light of the world. Loving God, grant us wisdom to understand these words and stories that light the way of our Christian journey. **Amen**

Sally Tuffin, Prescott, ON

Reader: Eileen Hughes

Reading: Luke 6. 27-38

Love for Enemies

'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

'If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Judging Others

'Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word!

Thanks be to God.

Hymn of Praise - VU 264 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might:
Thy justice, like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou dwellest in light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "How is THAT Love?"

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Invitation to Offering

Gracious God,
the desire of our hearts for these gifts today
is that they be a source of healing:
bringing together what is broken,
soothing what is painful,
and allowing your people to move forward
in the abundance of life with which you bless us. **Amen**

Karen Boivin, Ottawa, ON

HYMN - MV 144 Like a Healing Stream

Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth... like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need... like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war... like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:
God will always challenge and provide!

Like a mighty sea, like a river strong, like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

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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.

Your Generosity Matters - One Hundred Million Signatures

Read by: Mary Elson

Prayers of the People

Led by: Bill Silversides

*We thank you, O God, for the day you have given to us,
for the snow 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 Blair, our President; Treena, our Executive Minister, Kathy our Regional Minister,
for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Neil, our Regional Dean
for Richard, 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 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, 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**

Commissioning

Go forth to be God's people.

God's love for us will never change.

Go forth to embody God's love to and for others.

God's love for us will never change.

Go forth to the world that God loves.

**We go and we will seek to be that love we know
through Jesus and in this community.**

Beth W. Johnston, Nipawin, SK

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 – VU646 Siyahamba (We are Marching)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos

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Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo

We are marching in the light of God.

Upcoming this week...

Monday 21 February - Family Day

Prep for Board Meeting, Lenten service planning, AGM paperwork

Tuesday 22 February - Office Hours at Fernie Knox United

10:30 am - Board Meeting

Wednesday 23 February - 10:00 am Saints Day Worship by Zoom

broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican

6:00 pm - Joint Leadership/Worship Committee Meeting

Thursday 20 January - 10:00 am Mental Health Commission Webinar

Noon - Greater Clericus - Diocese of Kootenay

Friday 21/Saturday 22 January - Andrea's Sabbath

NEXT WORSHIP – **27 February 2022** – Transfiguration – Holy Eucharist Sunday

10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Christ Church Anglican

If joining from home, please have your Communion Elements ready

11:30 am - Fernie Knox United Church AGM

Credits: The liturgy today has been compiled with resources from Gathering: Advent, Christmas, Epiphany 2021-22, Voices United, and More Voices.

Candle lighting litany, candle extinguishing prayer and Prayers of the People, written by Reverend Andrea Brennan.

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