

## 8 August 2021 - Pentecost 11



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

### Lighting our Candles

We gather this day to remember that one small light can illuminate our way to safety. We light this candle to honour all those who have experienced the transformational love of God, through his son, our brother, Jesus the Christ.

### Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## Opening Hymn – CP434, v.1

The love of Jesus calls us, our joyous praise to sing;  
our deeply felt thanksgivings we now together bring,  
for all God's many blessings, unasked yet still received,  
and for the generations who faithfully believed.

### Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed,  
by what we have done  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us,  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleaned from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and forever. **Amen**

### Collect of the Day

Bread of heaven,  
you feed us in the depths of grief, sin and hostility.  
Nourish us with your word through the long hours of tears, and in the dawning  
awareness of our need for forgiveness,  
so that we may be redeemed by your steadfast love.  
**Amen**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)*

## The Proclamation of the Word

### **Reader – John T. Shannon**

#### **A reading from Ephesians 4.25-5.2 - Rules for the New Life**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbours, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labour and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,**

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Reverend Andrea L. Brennan – “St. Bonnie Henry”

#### 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.

## Hymn of Praise – CP429 Tune 160, v.1, 4

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Christ our God to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

### Intercessions and Thanksgivings

#### **Suzanne Artley**

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work:

**For our families, friends, and neighbours,  
and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For all those who minister to the sick, the friendless,  
and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Neil our Regional Dean, Lynne our Archbishop, Linda our Primate;

For Kathy our Regional Minister, Blair our Regional President,

Treena our Executive Minister, Richard our Moderator.

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*SILENCE. The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19.

We pray that they may recover fully.

And if it be that a cure August not be had,

May their death be swift and gentle as they are called home into your arms.

**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for all those who continue to work on the front-lines;  
the medical personnel, the truckers,  
the grocery clerks and cashiers;  
For the local small-businesses who are  
trying to remain safely open;  
**Hear us Lord, for your mercy is great.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is  
known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*SILENCE. The people add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God,  
you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;  
you know our needs before we ask,  
and our ignorance in asking.  
Grant our requests as may be best for us.  
This we ask, in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.                   **Amen**

### Offertory Hymn – CP507 v.1, 3

Blest be the tie that binds,  
our heart in Jesus love;  
the fellowship of Christian minds  
is like to that above.

We share each other's woes,  
each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

### Prayer Over the Gifts

Merciful God,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one  
bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your  
kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever.

**Amen**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

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### COVID-19 Prayer - marking the anniversary of the Pandemic

God of infinite compassion and mercy,  
Our hearts are overflowing with a flood of emotions from the past year,  
Fear and sorrow and grief — endurance, relief, and hope,  
For the families of all who have died, who have been unable yet to mourn,  
we ask your comfort  
For health care workers persevering in the battle with the  
we ask your strength and courage,  
For government and public health leaders  
we ask your wisdom  
For all facing the relentless uncertainties that continue  
we ask your endurance and peace,  
We give thanks  
for the resilience discovered within us,  
We give thanks  
for all who continue to work to protect and care for us  
We give thanks  
for your unending love and compassion in our midst at all times.  
As we face the year ahead  
fill our hearts with that same love and compassion for our world and its needs.  
For in you we find all that is needed — for whatever lies ahead. Amen.

*Archbishop Linda Nicholls, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada*

### 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**

## The Doxology

Glory to God

**whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **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 – Masithi: AMEN

SING AMEN: **Amen we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen, we praise your name O God**

SING AMEN: **Amen Amen, Amen Amen, Amen we praise your name O God**

MASITHI: **Amen, Siakudumisa**

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MASITHI: **Amen, bawo, Amen, bawo, Amen Siakudumisa**

## Upcoming This Week:

Monday 9 August – Administration and Worship Prep

Tuesday 10 August – Office Hours @ Knox United

Wednesday 11 August – Saint’s Day Zoom Worship  
10:00 am broadcast from Christ Church Anglican

Thursday 12 August – Homiletic and Worship Preparation  
7:00 - 8:30 - Special Gathering for Communities of Faith

Friday 13 August – 3:00 pm Wedding for Laura Oleksow and Matt Frost

Saturday 14 August - Andrea’s Sabbath

## **Our Next Worship:**

Sunday 15 August – 10:00 am – Worship from Knox United Church

## Credits:

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