

First Anniversary Service
between
Christ Church Anglican & Knox United Church
Fernie, B.C.
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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 Candle

We light this candle to share the light of Christ. Both within ourselves and with each other. May this flame remind us that we are never alone when we trust in and love God with our heart, mind, soul and strength. AMEN

Greetings

Kathy Davis – Regional Minister, Pacific Mountain Region

Lynne McNaughton – Bishop, Diocese of Kootenay

Call to Worship

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

Leader: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

Leader: the proud and pretentious, the sure and superior, the never inferior, who long for the levelling found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

Leader: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

ALL: GATHER US IN

Leader: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast!

ALL: GATHER US IN!

Hymn – VU509 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people's cry.

All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.

I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,

I have wept with love of them, they turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.

I will speak my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,

I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.

Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Here I am Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

Prayer for NIDP from ACIP

Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ who is our light and our life. AMEN

Beverlee Miller – Exodus 3.1-15

Moses at the Burning Bush

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

The Divine Name Revealed

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the

God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":
This is my name for ever,
and this my title for all generations.

Noëlle Crocker – Romans 12.9-21

Marks of the True Christian

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

George Ferris – Matthew 16.21-28

Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

The Cross and Self-Denial

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what

will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Hymn of Praise – MV161 I Have Called You by Your Name (1&4)

I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called and chosen; you are mine.

I have given you a name, it is mine;
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole,
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

Sermon – Kathy Davies, Regional Minister, PMRC

Confession – Bishop Lynne

Creator and Loving God, we want to say we're sorry for all the times we have separated ourselves from you and closed our hearts to your give-aways. We have not always respected the gifts you have given us so that they will be there for the seventh generation. Forgive us and help us to walk the sacred path shown to us by the Great Peacemaker Jesus Christ. AMEN

Absolution – Bishop Lynne

Celebrant: May the Creator forgive us, may Jesus renew us, and the Holy Spirit enable us to grow in love. AMEN

Prayers of the People

Renewal of Statement of This New Ministry – Kathy Davies

We are here to renew our Covenantal relationship with God and between The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan, Knox United Church and Christ Church Anglican, community of faith, and the wider United Church as represented by Pacific Mountain Region and the Diocese of Kootenay. Although God's covenant with us never changes, our covenants with one another evolve as we seek ways to faithfully deepen our commitment to Jesus and live into our call to embody God's love in the world.

Minister's Prayer – Reverend Andrea Brennan

O Blessed and most gracious God, I thank you for those who are gathered here both online and in this place. Bless our time together through our covenant with each other and with you. Be with us as we step out in faith, walking together, towards a bright and beautiful future together in Fernie. Be with us as we explore new ways of being together and being Church in this difficult and wonderful time. All this we ask through God as Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier. Amen

Response to Covenant – Bishop Lynne McNaughton

Let us rejoice in the covenant we have made.

And there was much rejoicing!

COVID-19 Prayer

Holy and Compassionate God,
You accompany us in the wilderness.
You are present with us in this crisis time in our lives and in the world.
We pray for the people of the Diocese of Kootenay,
For clergy, leaders, parishes, and people.
Strengthen our community.
May your Holy Spirit connect us even in our distance.
May we know you abide with us:
Be our Calm as we face uncertainty and readjust plans and routines.
Be our Rock in rapid change; give us resilience.
Be our Shelter in the whirlwind;
hide us under the safety of your loving wings.
Be our Peace; free us from fear.
Be our Strength; replenish us with courage.
Be our Compassion; enliven us to serve those in need.
Into your hands we commend our spirits,
In the name of Jesus, our Healer and Redeemer. Amen

Rt. Rev. Dr. Lynne McNaughton,
Bishop of Kootenay

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.

The Rt. Rev. Richard Bott,
Moderator, United Church of Canada

Offertory Hymn - VU541

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures high and low
Give thanks to God in love made known
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

Prayer Over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your Creation.
Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord. AMEN

The Communion – Andrea Brennan, Pastor, Priest and Prophet
This Communion service will be in the tradition of the United Church.

Invitation

Celebrant: This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.

It is to be made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith, and you who have little,
you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time,
and you have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invites you; it is our Lord. It is his will that those
who want him should meet him here.

Communion Prayer

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful...these you deserve.

For when we were nothing, you made us something.

When we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children.

When we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us.

When we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome.

And look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine,
but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made
new again. You are worth all our pain and all our praise.

So now, in gratitude, we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in
heaven:

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

ONE: Lord God, as we come to share in the richness of your table, we cannot
forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

ALL: Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

ONE: We cannot take wine and forget those who are thirsty.

The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for
justice.

ALL: Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

ONE: We cannot hear your words of peace and forget the world at war, or, if not at war, then preparing for it.

ALL: Show us quickly, Lord, how to turn weapons into welcome signs and the lust for power into a desire for peace.

ONE: We cannot forget the feast of your family and forget our divisions.
We are one in spirit, but not in face.
History and hurt still dismember us.

ALL: Lord, heal your Church in every brokenness.

Prayer of Consecration

ONE: For us you were born, for us you healed, preached, taught and showed the way to heaven: for us you were crucified, and for us, after death, you rose again.

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised, what have we to offer you?
Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things.
We are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table.

But with you is mercy and the power to change us.
So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may become for us your body, healing, forgiving and making us whole; and that we may become for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen.

(taking and breaking the bread)*

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, broke it and said "This is my body, it is broken for you"

(taking the cup of wine)*

And later he took a cup of wine and said,
"This is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death.
Take this – all of you – to remember me."

ALL: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us,
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

ONE: Look, here is your Lord coming to you in bread and wine.
These are the gifts of God, for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

[Those at home will take their bread* and wine/juice* or substitute* and consume together.]

**The Body of Christ – broken for you.
The Cup of Jesus – strength for the journey.**

Minute for Mission – Mary Elson

Concluding Prayer – Lynne McNaughton, Bishop of Kootenay

Celebrant: Let us pray.

In gratitude for this moment, and these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living
Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many
through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens
of the commonwealth of heaven. AMEN

Sending

ONE: From this place we are connected to each other...

Though your faith may differ from mine, and your language be unfamiliar to
me, we are each created in a spirit of love.

ALL: From this place we are responsible for each other...

Though we may be worlds apart, boundaries of land, race, economics, and
religion can have no meaning and borders fall away if you are in need.

ONE: From this place we reach out to each other...

And together we will seek justice, respect creation, grow in faith, and build
the future.

ALL: From this place we bless each other...

We give thanks for your being, we bless your creation, made in the
image of God who delights in you and cherishes you.

Blessings

Kathy Davis – Regional Minister, Pacific Mountain Region

Lynne McNaughton – Bishop, Diocese of Kootenay

Extinguishing the Paschal Candle

As we prepare to continue with our day
we extinguish our candles, knowing
we will be together again, soon.

Sending Song – Don't Be Afraid MV90

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. (2x)

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Upcoming meetings this week:

Monday 31 August – Administration and Worship Preparation

Tuesday 01 September – Andrea+ at Knox

Wednesday 02 September – Andrea+ at Christ Church

Joint Church Committee – 1:30 pm (by Zoom)

Knox Board Meeting – 3:30 pm (by Zoom)

Thursday 03 September – Outdoor Service on back lawn at City Hall 2:00 pm

Christ Church Worship Committee – 5:30 pm (by Zoom)

Friday/Saturday – Andrea's Sabbath

Our next worship:

Sunday 6 September (Labour Day) @ 10:00 am – United-style worship

Worship Resources:

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To Jael, our Sound Technician.

To everyone who has worked diligently in moving us forward with Shared Ministry. This Anniversary Service and first year, has been incredibly amazing!

To everyone who attended Worship today, our great thanks!