

Sunday 17 October 2021 - Creation 2



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

The Spirit of God is stirring in you.

And also in you.

Let the lighting of this candle mark our readiness to welcome our God.

Let this candle be a beacon of love to all.

Jani Francis, Indian Head, SK

Call to Worship

You are welcome in this place,
all are welcome in God's space.

Young and old, and in between
short and tall, large and lean.

Those who are lonely, tired and hurting,
or giggle, smiling or practically bursting!

Each as we are, wonderfully made,
we join in God's house together, today.

Selina Mullin, Marathon, 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 – MV115 x 2

Behold, behold, I make all things new
beginning with you and starting from today.

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my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

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Prayer of Illumination

May the readings of today shed light on a shadowed world
yearning for hope. May we be blessed in the receiving of these words
of comfort and hope.

Amen

Sharon Winegarden, Lion's Head, ON

Reader: Ev Cutts

Mark 10.35-45

The Request of James and John

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.' But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptised with the baptism that I am baptised with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptised, you will be baptised; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – VU444 Child of Blessing, Child of Promise

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptised with the Spirit's sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

Child of love, our love's expression, love's creation, loved indeed!
Fresh from God refresh our spirits, into joy and laughter lead.

Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you came.
Fresh from God, we humbly give you, live as one who bears God's name.

Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trusting in God's love and care.

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - Families, eh?

We Responding in Giving and Gratitude
Our Church Tithes and Offerings

Invitation

For what we receive, make us truly thankful, O God.
For what we are about to give, make us thankful, too.
Grateful for all that we are and for all that we might become,
we commit to living thankful, thanks-filled lives,
God of all!

Amen

Richard Bott, Vancouver, BC

Hymn of Thanksgiving – MV157 - I Am a Child of God

I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God's new creation.

I am a child of God, I am a child of God.

I am a endless prayer, I am a yearning for contemplation,

I am an endless prayer, I am an endless prayer.

I am a song of joy, I am the moment of jubilation,

I am a song of joy, I am a song of joy.

Please support our ministry by cheque or e-transfer to:

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Box 1808, Fernie, BC V0B 1M0
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Christ Church Anglican
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 all candidates in our upcoming federal
election.

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

“Supporting Education on the Road to Reconciliation” - Mary Cosman

Commissioning

May we leave this place, conscious of our heritage of faith.

All good things are from God.

As we leave this place, may we remember God's blessing to us.

We are children of the living God.

As we go into the world, let us carry that blessing to others.

Amen

Wanda Winfield, Blenheim, ON

Extinguishing our Candles

As we move from this time of community in 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 18 October - Administration and Worship Preparation

Tuesday 19 October - Office Hours at Knox United Church

Wednesday 20 October - 10:00 am Worship at Christ Church,
Office Hours

Thursday 21 October - Worship/Homiletic Preparation

Friday/Saturday 22-23 October - Andrea+'s Sabbath

NEXT WORSHIP – 24 October - 10:00 am

Fourth Sunday Holy Eucharist

hosted at/by Christ Church Anglican

Credits:

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