

**Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster of the
United Churches of Canada
Thanksgiving Gratitude
October 11th, 2020**

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Words of Welcome, Announcements
from Each Congregation and Land Acknowledgment**

Thank you for Connecting for Worship

Today's Leadership included

Preacher: The Rev. Tim Bowman

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Lighting the Christ Candle for Each Congregation

People are invited to share their prayers in the chat during the worship service.

Call to Worship: Tracy

One: Generous Creator, open our hearts to the love that surrounds us.

All: Make us truly grateful for the gifts of your creation

One: Let us release our worries.

All: and Celebrate God's gifts and grace.

Hymn: "Grateful" MV 182

**R) Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son,
joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love.**

**Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.**

You are more than we imagine,
Ancient, Holy, Living Lord. Even when we doubt
your presence you are faithful to your Word. **R)**

May our lives proclaim your justice, may our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in your service to the glory of your name. **R)**

Reflection: Gratitude #1 Bill

Blessing of Prayer Shawls

Sunday School Breakout Room 20 minutes

Hymn VU 520 "We Plough the Fields"

*We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by your almighty hand;
you send the snow in winter, the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine, and soft refreshing rain.*

***R)All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God. O holy God, for all your love.***

*You are the maker of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children, you give us daily bread. R)*

*We thank you then, O Maker, for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food;
accept the gifts we offer for all you love imparts,
and, what from us you long for, our humble, thankful hearts. R)*

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection: Gratitude #2 - Tim

Hymn: VU 236 " Now Thank we All Our God"

*Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

*O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill in this world and the next.*

*All praise and thanks to God for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

Prayer of Hope

Generous God, Gift giver, life maker, Holy Presence, You give so much to your Creation and yet we offer only limited gratitude for these gifts. You give your own self to us for our wholeness and well being and we grumble looking for self-serving gifts. Break open our stubborn hearts that we might learn to rejoice in You. In Jesus name we pray.

Amen

Words of Good News

One: There is an abundance in the gracious love of God. Be free to give, for you are a blessed Child of God.

All: Teach us O Great Giving God to generously give of ourselves for your sake. Amen

Psalm 65, Verses 9-13

You visit the earth and water it you greatly enrich it;

The river of God is full of water; you provide the people with grain, for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly, setting its ridges,

Softening it with showers and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty, your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,

The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain,

They shout and sing together with joy.

Reflection: Gratitude #3 – Tracy

Hymn: Everyday is a Day of Thanksgiving

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving.

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And you keep blessing me, blessing me, blessing me. I will glorify you, O my God, today.

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Prayers of Gratitude for the World: Tim

Prayers of the People: From Chat shared prayers. Bill

Holy God, We trust in your grace and with hearts full of hope and gratitude we offer these prayers, a song of our faith and love.

Lord's Prayer (Sung 960)

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God: Tracy

With Gratitude we bring before God the gifts of our resources for God's mission in the world. We offer our hearts opened wide to give and receive love to for the sake of this Mission.

Bless these gifts, Generous loving God, that all we give will bring about your reign of love in the world.

Amen.

Prayer of Dedication:

These are the gifts of God, given for the people of God.

Thanks be to God!

Reflection: Gratitude #4 – Michael

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth VU 226

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,*

**R) God of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light. R*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild. R*

*For each perfect gift sublime to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flower of earth and buds of heaven. R*

Commissioning and Benediction: Bill

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