

Online Joint Worship for the Mid Fraser Cluster Worship
Aldergrove, Gladwin Heights, St. Andrews
and Trinity Memorial United Churches

Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24th, 2021

Thank you for Connecting for Worship
Today's Leadership includes

Guest Preacher: Lauren Kirkey VST Student
Presiding: The Rev. Tracy Fairfield & The Rev. Tim Bowman & The Rev. Bill Booth
Musician – Donna Poncelet
Song Leader: Deborah Handley
Technical Support: Jeremy Wright

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

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Words of Welcome, Announcements from Each Congregation
Land Acknowledgments All

Lighting the Rainbow Candles

Lighting the Christ Candle

(the candle is lit)

The Light of Christ be with you. **And also with you. Tim**

Sung response: "Arise, Your Light is Come" (verse 1) VU 79

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

Call to Worship: Tracy

One: Friends, the time is fulfilled

All: God's new world is drawing near

One: Let us draw near to the One who has drawn near to us

All: Who is making all things new, even us

One: God can take our worst failures and make beauty from them

**All: So that even our enemies will rejoice and God will bring a new heaven
and new earth.**

Rev. Dr. Jason Byassee, VST faculty

Opening Prayer: Bill

Holy Mystery, Divine Knitter, untameable and unbound is your Spirit. Come, here, today and stir up our longings. Awaken and sanctify our imaginations. Liberate our thinking. If there are places in us that cling to the status quo, that keep us from realising and living into your great hopes for us, help us to surrender and let go of our illusions. Grant us moral courage to be able to risk what is required to live into the world you envision for us, where peace reigns. May it be so. Amen.

- *Written by Amy Haynes, VST student*

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Hymn: "Jesus You Have Come to The Lakeshore" VU 563

*Jesus, you have come to the lakeshore
looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones;
you only asked me to follow humbly.*

***R) O Jesus, with your eyes you have searched me,
and while smiling, have spoken my name;
now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me;
by your side I will seek other seas.***

*You know so well my possessions; my boat carries no gold and no weapons;
you will find there my nets and labour. R)*

*You need my hands, full of caring through my labours to give others rest,
and constant love that keeps on loving. R)*

*You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting,
my loving friend, as thus you call me. R)*

Time with our Children: Tracy

Hymn: "Know That God is Good" MV 104

*Know that God is good, Know that God is good,
Know that God is good, God is good, God is good. X 2*

We invite the children and their leaders into breakout rooms.

WE LISTEN FOR THE WORD

Scripture Readings:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Mark 1:14-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon: " " Lauren Kirkey

Hymn: "I Feel the Winds of God Today" VU 625

*I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift,
though heavy oft with drenching spray
and torn with many a rift; if hope but light the water's crest,
and Christ my bark will use,
I'll seek the seas at his behest, and brave another cruise.*

*It is the wind of God that dries my vain regretful tears,
until with braver thoughts shall rise the purer, brighter years;
if cast on shores of selfish ease or pleasure I should be,
O let me feel your freshening breeze, and I'll put back to sea.*

*If ever I forget your love and how that love was shown;
lift high the blood-red flag above; it bears your name alone.
Great pilot of my onward way, you will not let me drift.
I feel the winds of God today; today my sail I lift.*

WE RESPOND IN LOVE AND ACTION

Prayer of response to the Call: Bill

God of Call and Challenge: We claim to be open to your call but more often we hesitate. We fear that we will not be enough. We fear we will fail. We fear our task will change beyond our choice. Do not give up on us but break open our stubborn hearts that we might see the task You have placed before us. Wash away our fears that we might find the courage to meet your challenge of love. Help us to rejoice when our actions fulfill your purpose. Call us and we will respond. In the name of the Jesus Christ. Amen

Words of Assurance:

One: Fear not you are called with love, by love, to love. God will not stop seeking you out to accomplish the Mission of God. You are chosen and blessed.

All: Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the People and all the World: Tim

Prayers shared from the chat: Bill

Holy God, you hear our words; you hear our hearts. We are known and heard deeply, graciously, constantly. Confident in this grace, we speak together the words that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer [Spoken]

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.

Acknowledging Our Gifts for the Work of God & Prayer of Dedication: Bill

We bring our offerings for God's work among us in many ways: cash and cheques mailed or dropped offer; Pre-Authorized Remittance and our online donations. And we offer our time and work for God's work among us.

Doxology

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" VU 541

*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 of Dedication

Bless these gifts we offer, our treasures, our work, our love. Amen.

They are an expression our hope for Light in the World.

Here are our hearts; here is our time; here are our passions; here are our lives.

Let our gifts and our lives proclaim Light to the World.

Hymn: "We Have This Ministry" VU 510

*We have this ministry and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word, speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our living.*

*O Christ, the tree of life, our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower when rooted in your love.
Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay, called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts, the young and old a place.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our giving.*

*The yoke of Christ is ours, the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross, the burden and the joy.
Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine, we die and rise again.
We have this ministry, O God, receive our loving.*

Blessing and Sending Forth: Tim

Sung Response: "I Am the Light of the World" (chorus) VU 87 2x

*I am the light of the world!
You people come and follow me!"
If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery
of what you were meant to do and be.*

Postlude

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