

Prayer for Transformation

Fracturing and Pouring

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Hymn: MV #102 “Jesus Your Spirit in Us”

Jesus, your Spirit in us is a well-spring of life everlasting

Prayer after Communion

Holy One,

We have tasted the love of God.

We have drunk from the cup of Jesus.

We have been filled at Wisdom’s table.

We give you thanks.

We give you thanks. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

Peace

Hymn: VU #232, “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee” vs 1, 2, 3

Blessing

Postlude: “How Great Though Art” (S. K. Hine arr. M. Ham)

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This service is inspired by a United Church of Canada worship resource entitled “Reconciliation in the Watershed: Reflections for Creation Time,” which led me to spend the Season of Creation, 2017 focused on my congregations’ local watershed, (the Saugeen) in conversation with Biblical creation accounts. It was a rich and fruitful time and also led to strengthening relationships with Indigenous neighbours at Neyaashiinigiing (Cape Croker). Further resources on watershed discipleship may be found at:

www.kairoscanada.org/what-we-do/ecological-justice/reconciliation-in-the-watershed
www.watersheddiscipleship.org



Where Are We? Wisdom of the Watershed

Worship at Emmanuel

Preacher/ Presider: Rev. Sheryl Spencer

Wednesday September 26, 2018

Acknowledging the Territory: Recognition of the Watershed

Meandering Near the Don:

Tom Reynolds with sounds of the Don River

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn: MV #144, “Like a Healing Stream”

Scripture Litany: (inspired by Psalm 104:1, 5-15, 24, 27-28, 31)

Praise the Lord!

**O Lord my God, how great you are!
You placed the world on its foundation
so it would never be moved.**

You clothed the earth with floods of water—
water that covered even the mountains.

At your command, the water fled;
at the sound of your thunder, it hurried away.

Mountains rose and valleys sank to the levels you decreed.

**Then you set a firm boundary for the seas,
so they would never again cover the earth.**

You make springs pour water into the ravines,
so streams gush down from the mountains.

They provide water for all the animals—,
even the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

**The birds nest beside the streams
and sing among the branches of the trees.**

You send rain on the mountains from your heavenly home,
and you fill the earth with the fruit of your labor.

**You cause grass to grow for the livestock
and plants for people to use.**

You allow them to produce food from the earth—
wine to make them glad,

olive oil to soothe their skin,
and bread to give them strength.

**O Lord, what a variety of things you have made!
In wisdom you have made them all.
The earth is full of your creatures.
They all depend on you to give them food as they
need it.**

When you supply it, they gather it.

You open your hand to feed them,
and they are richly satisfied.

May your glory continue forever!

May you O God take pleasure in all that you have made!

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:9-13

“Rivers Run,” *Becca Whitla, Tom Reynolds, Bill Kervin*
(*music and lyrics by Karine Polwart*)

Sermon: “In the Wilderness”

Prayers of the People

Response: Pour out your mercy on us
Like a healing stream

Presentation Hymn: VU #380, “She Flies On” vs 1, 4, 5

Celebration of Communion:

Invitation to the Table

Call to Give Thanks – We say together:

**The Spirit of God moves among all creation.
The Spirit of God animates all things.
We stand in awe and wonder.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Song of Creation - We can barely contain our praise:

All is holy.

All is holy.

Beauty is your name.

Beauty is your name.

Remembering Jesus at Table

Prayer of Self-Giving – We say together:

**As Jesus broke bread
and poured out his cup for us,
may we also pour ourselves into Holy Mystery.**

This we remember, this we believe:

**Christ walked the earth,
was crucified on a cross.
His love would live among us.**