

Responding to the Word

Offering Our Gifts

***The Doxology: "What Can I Do?"** [More Voices #191]

Offertory Prayer

Prayers of the People [see bulletin insert]

Announcements & Notices

***Parting Hymn: "Touch the Earth Lightly"**
[Voices United #307]

*Commissioning

***Sung Blessing: "May the Love of the Lord"**
[see inside front cover of Voices United]

Organ Postlude

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We invite visitors and regulars alike to stay for coffee and conversation after the service. Thank you for being here.

Bulletin Dedication

In loving memory of my grandparents, William & Hilda Freeman, who were faithful members of Perotte United Church.

— Garry Freeman

Readings for next week:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22: Parts 3 & 4, vv. 23-31

1 John 4:7-21

Welcome!

St. George & St. Andrew United Church

Sunday, April 22, 2018



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Sunday, April 22, 2018

*[*indicates to stand, if able]*

Gathering the Community

The Organ Prelude will commence at 11:00 AM. Please remain seated and use the time during this period to quietly prepare for our time of worship together.

Organ Prelude

Welcome & Introduction to the Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Silence

***Call to Worship**

Leader: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began,

All: God was.

Leader: Here and now, among us, beside us, clearer than air, closer than breathing

All: God is.

Leader: In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust and human knowledge had been completed.

All: God will be.

***Prayer of Gathering**

Leader: Let us join together in this prayer of Gathering.

All: We give thanks for your Spirit breathing through the web of life.

Leader: We are in awe of your creation. We breathe in with amazement at the beauty of it all. We breathe out with gratitude for all that you provide.

All: We give thanks for your Spirit breathing through the web of life.

Leader: We give thanks for water, the flow of life. We give thanks for land and all those who have lived here before us. We give thanks for land, and all plants, creatures, all my relations who live here with us all

All: We give thanks for your Spirit breathing through the web of life.

Leader: We give thanks for your life-giving love, of which we are part; your life-giving love, which we see in the rising of bulbs and buds; your life-giving love, which we see in the rising of people who love you and your creation.

All: We give thanks for your Spirit breathing through the web of life.

***Opening Hymn: "Let All Things Now Living"**

[Voices United #242]

Time of Confession & Reflection

[see bulletin insert]

Words of Assurance

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:

To the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen.

Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the spirit enable you to grow in love. **Amen.**

Anthem: This Ancient Love

Hearing the Word

An off the record conversation between Peter and Jesus

The Psalm: 23 (refrain)

[Voices United #749]

A Reading from: 1 John 3:16-24

***Hymn: "God of the Sparrow"**

[Voices United #229]

Reflection: Ecology is Doxology

Moment of Silence

***Hymn: "The Earth & All Who Breathe" [Voices United #295]**

Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray: Because you, God, love the world, because in Christ you walked it, we dare to pray: God, send your spirit;

All: Renew the life of the Earth

Leader: To connect the words of ancient scriptures to the life of the world today; to let the urgent summons of Jesus surpass our reticence to respond, God, send your spirit:

All: Renew the life of the Earth

Leader: To awaken the minds of those in power to the realities of those they govern; to confront the arrogance of the privileged with the vulnerability of the poor, God, send your spirit.

All: Renew the life of the Earth

Leader: To engage the fragile state of the planet with those who carelessly abuse it; to let the pain of those who are hurting awaken the caring potential in the healthy, God, send your spirit

All: Renew the life of the Earth

Leader: To eradicate the distance between our convictions and commitments, our potentials and our performances, our prayers and our politics, our faith and our discipleship, God, send your Spirit.

All: Renew the life of the Earth.

Leader: Convince us, gracious God, that matter matters and that all is up for redemption. And since in Jesus you destined all to be changed and made new, enable us to be agents of your purpose. We pray in Jesus' name.

All: 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 echo 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 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.

Time of Confession and Reflection

Leader: We invite you to join us in this time prayer of Confession and Reflection.

Let us begin:

All: We long for your healing, your justice, your peace.

Reader 1: We are suffering and broken.

Reader 2: We are suffering and broken.

Reader 1: We have broken your web of life.

Reader 2: We have turned our back on you.

All: We long for your healing, your justice, your peace.

Reader 1: Air is hard to breathe, for us and for other creatures.

Reader 2: Water is too often polluted and defiled.

Reader 1: Land is weeping over lost forests,

Reader 2: Lost songs of birds and other creatures, lost human songs too.

All: We long for your healing, your justice, your peace.

Reader 1: We are burdened by sin.

Reader 2: We ask for the gift of forgiveness.

Reader 1: Guide us toward reconciliation,

Reader 2: So that life may flow through us again, repairing the web of life.

All: We long for your healing, your justice, your peace.

Leader: In a moment of silence let us release our burdens and open ourselves to God's forgiveness and reconciliation.

(Silence)