

# 13 January 2022 - Epiphany 6



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## Opening Hymn - CP565 - Guide Me O, Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O my great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thou powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more,

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing streams doth flow.  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield, be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's Destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever sing to thee, I will ever sing to thee.

## Call to Worship

Let us pray. We thank you, O God, that you have again brought us together on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come; through Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## 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.

## Candle Lighting

Our days are growing longer, slowly, slowly.

We light this single candle to remind us

that even though things are not yet as we'd like them to be, we continue to wait...somewhat patiently, and join together in person and online, dreaming, hoping, wishing for that day when we will gather again, not necessarily as we wish, yet as we are able.

## Confession

Dear friends in Christ,  
as we turn our hearts and minds  
to worship almighty God,  
let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness

Silence is kept

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.**

**Amen.**

## Absolution

Merciful God,  
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## The Collect of the Day

God, **you root those who trust in you  
by streams of healing water.**

**Release us from the bonds of disease,  
free us from the power of evil,  
and turn us from falsehood and illusion,  
so that we may find the blessing of new life in you  
through the power of Christ. Amen.**

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.*

Reader: Mary Cosman

Reading: Luke 6.17-26

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Jesus Teaches and Heals

He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

## Blessings and Woes

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, O Jesus Christ.**

Sermon: The Reverend Andrea L. Brennan - "Blessings and Woes"

### Our 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.**

### We Responding in Giving and Gratitude

Our Church Tithes and Offerings

If you wish to make a donation to support our ministry  
please send a cheque or e-transfer to:

Knox United Church  
Box 1808, Fernie, BC VoB 1Mo  
knoxferniefinance@gmail.com

Christ Church Anglican  
Box 279, Fernie, BC VoB 1Mo  
christchurchfernief@gmail.com

Hymn of Thanksgiving – CP439 - Blest Are the Pure in Heart

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs; their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King.

Still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart,  
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:  
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

### Prayers of the People - Annie Cox

In peace we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.**

For this community, our country, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

Linda, our Primate; for Lynne, our Archbishop; for Neil, our Regional Dean;

For Richard, our Moderator; Blair, our Regional President,

for Treena, our Executive Minister, for Kathy, our Regional Minister.

For the Anglican Church of Canada, for the Diocese of Kootenay,

for the East Kootenay Region

For the United Church of Canada, for the Pacific Mountain Region,

**For all who serve God in the Church.**

For our own needs and those of others.

**Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.**

For all those who struggle with the ongoing Pandemic,

For all those who are waiting on booster shoots,

For those who are uncertain whether or not to vaccinate,

**Hear us, Lord. For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.



*Silence is kept*

*The people may add their own thanksgivings.*

We will exalt you, O God our king;

**And praise your name for ever and ever.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept*

*The people may add their own petitions.*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

Gracious God,

you have heard the prayers of your faithful people;

you know our needs before we ask,

and our ignorance in asking.

Grant our requests as may be best for us.

This we ask in the name of your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, **ruler of heaven and earth.**

**Day by day you shower us with blessings.**

**As you have raised us to new life in Christ,**

**give us glad and generous hearts,**

**ready to praise you and to respond to those in need,**

**through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

*Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

**Hymn of Praise - This is My Father's World**

This is my Father's world, And to my listening ears

All nature sings, and round me rings, the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought

Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--His hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world: The birds their carols raise,

The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;

In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world: O let me not forget

That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.

This is my Father's world: Why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring! God reigns; let earth be glad!

### 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**

### Doxology

Glory to God

**All whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God  
from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever.                      Amen**

### Extinguishing our Candles

As we move from this time of community and 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 Prayer

May the God of hope  
fill us with all  
joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen

### Sending Song – VU646 Siyahamba (We are Marching)

Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos  
Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos.  
Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos  
Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,  
Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo  
Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,  
Si – ya – hamb' e – hamb' e, Si – ya – hamb' e – oo – oo  
Si – ya – hamb' e – ku – kha – nyen' kwen – khos,

We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God,  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo  
We are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, marching we are marching, oo – oo  
We are marching in the light of God.



## Upcoming this week...

Monday 14 February - Administration and Worship Prep

2:00 pm - Memorial Service for Mark Brown at Cherished Memories

7:00 pm - Visitation for Shirley Hickey at Cherished Memories

Tuesday 15 February - 11:00 am Memorial Service for Shirley Hickey at CMFS

6:00 pm - TransConnect in the Christ Church Parish Hall

Wednesday 16 February - 10:00 am Worship at Christ Church Anglican

Noon - Regional Clericus by Zoom

Thursday 17 February - Office Hours at Fernie Knox United Church

Noon - Kootenay Cluster by Zoom

Friday 18/Saturday 19 - Andrea's Sabbath

NEXT WORSHIP – **20 February 2022** – Epiphany 7 – Morning Prayer

10:00 am Worship – Broadcasting from Fernie Knox United Church

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