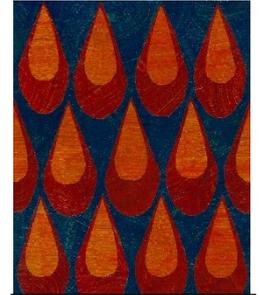


Season of Pentecost

31st July 2022

Led by Fiona



Fire & Breath
Jan Richardson

Gathering & Welcome

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here; the transforming flame of God is amongst us:

ALL: Warming our imaginations with vision

One: Refining our hearts with hope

ALL: Forging our world with justice and joy

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we raise our voices to praise you...

Hymn: God of great CH4 174

God of great and God of small, God of
one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to
whom all things belong,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life
and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside
me every hour,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.

Natalie Sleeth

Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

One: The transforming Spirit of God is:

ALL: Strengthening us in faith (*hands open*)

One: Nurturing us in hope (*hands at head*)

ALL: Uniting us in love (*hands clasped at heart*)

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we offer you our gratitude and praise...

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus prayer or Lord's prayer...

Source of Life,
Father and Mother of all,
Creation honours you!
May your Realm of
Justice and Love
sustain our hope
and come on earth.

God of silence, God of sound, God by
whom the lost are found,
God of day and darkest night, God
whose love turns wrong to right,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.

God of heaven and God of earth, God
of death and God of birth,
God of now and days before, God who
reigns for evermore,
Alleluia, alleluia, praise be to Your name.

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 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 for all ages: Pharisee & Tax Collector Lk 18

Short Song: Let the world unite and sing SoGP 63

Let the world unite and sing
Praises to our glorious King
Alleluia, Alleluia to our King

Come and see what God has done
Deeds of wonder every one.
Alleluia, Alleluia to our King

Of God's power and glory tell
All Creation made so well.
Alleluia, Alleluia to our King

Let us all together sing
Praises to our glorious King:
Alleluia, Alleluia to our King

Malawi hymn

Readings by Steven Smillie

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23

2Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

12 I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, 13 applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

18 I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me 19—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labours under the sun, 21 because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? 23 For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Luke 12:13-21

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." 14 But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" 15 And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." 16 Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. 17 And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' 18 Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Sermon by Fiona Bennett: *Savouring the moment*

Music for Reflection

Prayers of the People by Lewis Reay

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise God all creature here below

Praise God above, You heavenly host

Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

Notices

Hymn: **Guide me O CH4 167**

Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer

Pilgrim through this barren land

I am weak but Thou art mighty

Hold me with thy powerful hand

Bread of heaven

Feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain

Whence the healing streams do flow

Let the fiery cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey though

Wm Williams

Strong Deliverer

Be Thou still my strength and shield

When I tread the verge of Jordan

Bid my fears subside

Death of death

And hell's destruction

Land me safe on Canaan's side

Songs of praises

I will ever give to thee

Blessing