**SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

Assembly 2019

in the Conference Room at 8:30 a.m.

Members of the Cariboo Region lead worship this morning

Musician: Dean Ken Gray

**Opening Responses**

Leader The world belongs to God,

**ALL THE EARTH AND ALL ITS PEOPLE.**

Leader How good and how lovely it is

**ALL TO LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY.**

Leader Love and faith come together,

**ALL JUSTICE AND PEACE JOIN HANDS,**

Leader If the Lord's disciples keep silent

**ALL THESE HILLS AND STREAMS WOULD SHOUT ALOUD.**

Leader Open our lips, O God

**ALL AND OUR MOUTHS SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE.**

WE SING TOGETHER

Morning has broken like the first morning

Blackbird has spoken like the first bird

Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning

Praise for them springing fresh from the world

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven

Like the first dewfall on the first grass

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden

Sprung in completeness where his feet pass

Mine is the sunlight, Mine is the morning

Born of the one light Eden saw play

Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning

God's recreation of the new day

DIALOGUE (based on Psalm 90)

Lord, You have always been our refuge.

 Our ancestors made You their home long ago.

Before mountains were born,

 before You fashioned the earth and filled it with life,

 from ages past to distant futures,

 You are truly God.

**You turn people back to dust,**

 **saying, “Go back to the dust, children of Adam.”**

**For You a thousand years is like a day when it is over,**

 **a watch during the night;**

 **there is no difference to You.**

We may journey through life for 70 years;

 some may live and breathe 80 years—if we are strong.

Yet our time here is only toil and trouble;

 soon our days are gone, and we fly away.

**Who can truly comprehend the power unleashed by Your anger?**

 **Your wrath matches the fear that is due to You.**

**Teach us to number our days**

 **so that we may truly live and achieve wisdom.**

RESPONSE

In the rivers and hills of our Territory

Home of First Peoples and historic settlers,

This is a place of industry, agriculture, ranching and tourism,

Of education, commerce, compassionate care and innovation;

**Amidst such profound beauty, this is the place we call home,**

**a place of God’s making, a place for creating and for creation.**

May we always be mindful of God’s good gifts to us,

May we always steward well what has been granted,

To this generation and those who follow;

**May we be God’s people, here and everywhere,**

**A people with glad and generous hearts,**

**A people called by Christ,**

**A people inspired by love of stranger and friend;**

**Hallowed be your name O God,**

**Your Kingdom come, now and always.**

**Amen, and Amen.**

WE LISTEN TOGETHER

**A Reading from First Corinthians (**1:18-25 - The Voice)

For people who are stumbling toward ruin, the message of the cross is nothing but a tall tale for fools by a fool. But for those of us who are already experiencing the reality of being rescued and made right, it is nothing short of God’s power. This is why the Scripture says:

I will put an end to the wisdom of the so-called wise,

 and I will invalidate the insight of your so-called experts.

So now, where is the philosopher? Where is the scholar? Where is the skilled debater, the best of your time? Step up, if you dare. Hasn’t God made fools out of those who count on the wisdom of this rebellious, broken world? For in God’s deep wisdom, He made it so that the world could not even begin to comprehend Him through its own style of wisdom; in fact, God took immense pleasure in rescuing people of faith through the foolishness of the message we preach. It seems the Jews are always asking for signs and the Greeks are always on the prowl for wisdom. But we tell a different story. We proclaim a crucified Jesus, God’s Anointed. For Jews this is scandalous, for outsiders this is moronic, but for those of us living out God’s call—regardless of our Jewish or Greek heritage—we know the Anointed embodies God’s dynamic power and God’s deep wisdom. You can count on this: God’s foolishness will always be wiser than mere human wisdom, and God’s weakness will always be stronger than mere human strength.

Hear what the Spirit says to all people **Thanks be to God**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

*Here follow prayers of thanksgiving and of intercession: for the church and the world, for concerns of youth and elders, here and beyond . . . ending with:*

Leader Reconciling and rejuvenating God

**ALL HEAR OUR PRAYER**

*Then the leader concludes with the following prayers*

You call us out to praise you, the God who gave us birth,

To gather in communion, and treasure your whole earth;

We are your living story, to hear and to be heard;

We praise your name, who write us, The Author and the Word.

**O God, lead us from death to life,**

**from falsehood to truth.**

**Lead us from despair to hope,**

**from fear to trust. Lead us from hate to love,**

**from war to peace.**

**Let peace fill our hearts,**

**our world, our universe.**

**We ask it for your own name's sake. Amen.**

Leader And now, as Jesus taught us, we say:

**ALL: OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN,**

**HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME,**

**YOUR KINGDOM COME,**

**YOUR WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IN HEAVEN,**

**GIVE US TODAY OUR DAILY BREAD,**

**FORGIVE US OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO SIN AGAINST US,**

**SAVE US FROM THE TIME OF TRIAL**

**AND DELIVER US FROM EVIL,**

**FOR THE KINGDOM, THE POWER**

**AND THE GLORY ARE YOURS,**

**NOW AND FOR EVER. AMEN.**

Leader This is the day that God has made,

**ALL WE WILL REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT.**

Leader We will not offer to God

**ALL OFFERINGS THAT COST US NOTHING.**

Leader Go forward in peace and serve the Lord,

**ALL WE WILL SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.**

Leader In the name of the Trinity of Love,

**ALL: ONE GOD IN PERFECT COMMUNITY. AMEN.**

WE SING INTO OUR DAY

**God of the sparrow God of the whale**

**God of the swirling stars**

**How does the creature say Awe**

**How does the creature say Praise**

**God of the earthquake God of the storm**

**God of the trumpet blast**

**How does the creature cry Woe**

**How does the creature cry Save**

**God of the rainbow God of the cross**

**God of the empty grave**

**How does the creature say Grace**

**How does the creature say Thanks**

**God of the hungry God of the sick**

**God of the prodigal**

**How does the creature say Care**

**How does the creature say Life**

**God of the neighbour God of the foe**

**God of the pruning hook**

**How does the creature say Love**

**How does the creature say Peace**

**God of the ages God near at hand**

**God of the loving heart**

**How do your children say Joy**

**How do your children say Home**