

**Centre for
Christian Studies
Sunday 2019**



**CENTRE FOR
CHRISTIAN STUDIES**
Imagine Church Differently

Worship resources for **CCS Sunday 2019** were prepared considering readings from the Revised Common Lectionary for All Saints Day: Luke 6:20-31 , Ephesians 1:11-23, and Psalm 149.

Opening Prayer

This is your day, God of beginnings.
It could bring blessings and failings.
It may bring new truths and old uncertainties.
It might bring trust and doubts, hopes and desolations.
For all this day brings,
for new voices, new harmonies, discords and dissonances,
For new learnings gained and old certainties questioned,
we ask your guidance and your goodness. Amen.

~ from morning worship prepared for the 2019 meeting
of Diakonia of the Caribbean and Americans

Collect

Creating God,
who in your Wisdom, Incarnation, and Spirit

have partnered with the world in history, seeking in every place and at every time, with
humans and all creation, right relationship and flourishing life,

ever opening new paths before us and feeding the deep spring of love within us:

We humbly ask, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened by your spirit may we come to know what
is the hope to which you have called us, and what is the immeasurable greatness of your power –

Power only for love everlasting, that raises the dead to new life, that dethrones all rule and
authority and power and dominion in this world –

May we learn from you in our bodies and in our relationships what it means to be the
Church and to become your Body in this world, through Christ Jesus our hope. *Amen.*

~ *David Lappano, CCS Program Staff*
August 28, 2019

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

One: You are blessed and blessing,
God of all creation,
so we come to you with prayers of hope
and words of thanksgiving.

**All: (sung – chorus from VU705)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

One: For our grandmothers and grandfathers,
for the people who have taught us your love,
by their actions and by their words -

All: we give you thanks!

One: For our sisters who have gone before,
who accepted the mantle of Deaconess,
who taught in love, who worked in hope,
who changed your world –

All: we give you thanks!

One: For all our siblings in The United Church of Canada
who celebrate and live a Call to the ministry of
Education, Justice and Pastoral Care –
the Diakonia – Diaconal Ministers,
commissioned by your powerful love –

All: we give you thanks!

One: For the congregations, communities of faith,
ministries and missions and more,
who have shared, and do share,
in this call of service,
this call of education,
this call of justice,
this call of care –

All: we give you thanks, loving God!

(sung – chorus from VU705)

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

One: We give thanks and, in love, we offer to your Love –
the Center for Christian Studies,
the learning circles and the [exploration sites],
those who are exploring their call to ministry,
those who are living that ministry,
and those who are taking the time to reflect
on what they've lived, and your place in it.

All: Hold them in your love, God of All.

One: We pray that, guided by them,
learning with them,
growing in faith and love,
we would be
people who serve with all our hearts,
people who walk with all who have been burdened,
people who feel broken, in body or spirit.

All: Hold us in your love, God of All.

One: And, as part of this great cloud of witnesses,
all those who have gone before,
all those who are,
all those who are yet to come,
we share in the words Jesus gave to us –
for you are Our Mother and you are...

**All: Our Father....
power and the glory. Amen.
(sung – chorus from VU705)
Hallelujah, hallelujah!**

~ Richard Bott, Moderator, The United Church of Canada
July 8, 2019

Reflection: Cloud source by Kimiko Karpoff

Available on-line at <http://ccsonline.ca/2019/08/cloud-source/>
or as a pdf at <http://ccsonline.ca/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/Cloud-source-by-Kimiko-Karpoff.pdf>

Hymn suggestions:

Common Thread by Pat Humphries.

Common Praise CP

Come fill our hearths/Confetimi Domino 402 CP

Dona Nobis Pacem 562 CP

More than we can ask or imagine CP 86

Not for tongues of heaven's angels CP 494

Voices United VU

For all the saints VU 705

For the faithful who have answered VU 707

How clear is our vocation VU 504
Faith of our fathers/mothers VU 580
Thou ancient walls VU 691
Come thou fount of every blessing VU 559
God of Bethel by whose hand VU 555
The church of Christ in every age VU 601

More Voices MV

Who is my mother/brother MV 178
Sisters/brothers let us walk together MV 179
When hands reach out MV 169
Christ has no body now VU 171
Hope of Abraham and Sarah VU 148
I am walking the path of peach VU 221
Let us build a house VU 1

Songs for Congregational Singing – Carolyn McDade SFCS

Song of community SFCS 1
Creation of peace SFCS 5
Prayer to friends SFCS 16