

AGM Worship

Mar 30, 2023

Welcome

Good afternoon or evening where ever you are beloved people!

It is with deep gratitude I welcome you to this gathering of word, silence and prayer.

Please have at the ready a candle that you can light. Mute your zoom

Please feel to speak along with us as you are able, your parts are in bold.

We GATHER.....

The grace of Jesus Christ

The love of God

And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

Be with you all

And Also with you.**Call to Worship**

We gather to worship and celebrate your holy presence.....

Be with us as we worship

**Help us to trust in the fresh beginning
of each new day in your love.**

Help us to find that during this time, together.

Lent light liturgy

Jesus called out to the dusty, the broken,
the seekers and the burdened.....

He said . . . I am the Light.

light your candle the candle

Lent calls us now, under the shadow of the cross.

**We go trusting the light,
with ancestors of faith that have traveled this way before.**

**We bear holy dust, the same stardust
found at the birthplace of creation.**

**We are claimed, in life and in death, and life after death
we belong to the One who calls us beloved. AMEN**

Lectio Divina

Scripture: Psalm 63: 1-8

Silence 1 minute

In the way of Lectio Divina, let us listen with the ears of our hearts, for words and images. Please feel free to record your thoughts on a piece of paper.

Scripture: Psalm 63: 1-8

My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips when I think of you on my bed and meditate on you in the watches of the night, for you have been my help, and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

WE give thanks for these Sacred and Holy words

Silence: 1 minute

For your Contemplation and Discernment

How is God speaking to you? Through scripture, gathering in community, through people, in music or silence? What questions are emerging for you? about your faith? Your life? Your life in faith? The Centre for Christian Studies?

2 minutes of silence

Prayer (your parts are in bold)

Life-maker –our very soul cries out for you: In the morning I linger at the sunrise eager for the light to embrace our souls; **At dusk as we crumple in the shadows restless for your dawn-light to replenish my thirst for you.**

May my eyes be open to your creation-sanctuary, alive to the wonders that speak of you for this evidence is you constant-promise and **our soul dances in praise of you.**

We will speak words of thanks and live a life of thankfulness all the days of our lives. **This is our prayer, in word, in deed, through all of life.**

On this blessing, I shall feast and be satisfied and our every breath will be a canticle of praise. **May I wake in the morning singing it and let it lull me to sleep as I lie down at night, your constant promise, your forever love, your always-presence.**

Blessed are we who mourn for our beloved people of faith, let us remain in grief's cold winter for as long as it takes, may our mourning be to our hearts the gentlest springtime.

Today, we remember the following, please let us read the names on the screen together;

WE Remember and Give thank for;
Shirley Beckman (UCC 1959)
Elizabeth Crispin (ACC 1968)
Jean Galbraith (UCC 1957)
Doris Grierson (UCC 1958)
Alma Heller (UCC 1956)

Laura Kennedy (UCC 1987)
Marion Logan (Companion 2013)
Maxine McVey (UCC 1992)
Margaret Nelson (UCC 1960)
Ellice Oliver (UCC 1988)
Brian Shoesmith (Volunteer)
Harvey Stevens (Donor)
Wesley Thomson (Donor)
Margaret Wonfor (UCC 1954)

Please take a moment to name other that you are morning for during this time

Let us say together the prayer that Jesus taught the first disciples...

Our holy Parent, Our Mother,
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 forever. Amen.

Commission & Benediction

Go now from this service of worship
to the service of God's people near and far,
refreshed by the living water found in this community.
We Listen for the parched voices of the least of these;
search out the dry places and the arid souls,
and become for them a spring of living water.
And as you go, may the blessings of the God of life,
the Christ of love, and the Spirit of grace
be upon you this day and forevermore.

Amen