

Sunday, 10 am – October 14th, 2018

SOSA Sunday

(**Note: Since this is a *Choose Your Own Adventure Sunday* for the youth and children, they are invited to proceed directly to the Main Hall)

* indicates stand as able

We Gather as a Community

Gathering Music: (singalong) Grateful MV 182

**Opening Hymn:* River Running in You and Me MV 163
(*The Ministers and Prayer Chalice Usher process*)

Lighting of the Christ Candle: Acolyte: Glenna Jackson
As we light the Christ Candle we are reminded of the Biblical proverb “the human spirit is the lamp of the Lord” (Proverbs 20.27) May we be enabled this morning to discover the divine light within.

Welcome and Greeting/The Life, Work and Mission of the Church

* *Call to Worship:*

Peace be with you

And also with you

Come and see the love God has given to us

Come and see what it means to be children of God

Come with this hope, that Christ’s presence is real

With joy, we come to see the Lord

Opening Prayer:

God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love and our minds search for the light of truth.

Increase our longing for Christ.

Strengthen us to grow as community of grace.

Inhabit our worship and meditations offered this day.

In the name of Christ, Amen.

**Hymn:* O Let the Power Fall on Me MV 13

Readings: 2 Samuel 3:35-39 and Philippians 3:12-14

Ministry of Music: Servants of Peace – Quinn/Scott (see insert)

Prayer for Illumination:

Sermon: “The Self: Rediscovered and Renewed”

Lord’s Prayer

**Hymn:* Come Touch Our Hearts MV 12

Prayer: “On Controlling Our Borders” Barbara Bole
Jesus – crucified and risen – draws us into his presence again,
the one who had nowhere to lay his head,
no safe place,
no secure home,
**no passport or visa,
no certified citizenship.**

We gather around him in our safety, security, and well-being,
and fret about “illegal immigrants.”

**We fret because they are not like us
and refuse our language.**

We worry that there are so many of them
and their crossings do not stop.

**We are unsettled because it is our tax
dollars that sustain them and provide services.**

We feel the hype about closing borders and heavy fines,
because we imagine that our life is under threat.

And, yet, as you know very well,

we, all of us – early or late - are immigrants
from elsewhere;

**we are glad for cheap labour
and seasonal workers
who do tomatoes and apples and
oranges
to our savouring delight.**

And beyond that, even while we are beset by fears
and aware of pragmatic costs,
we know very well that you are the God
who welcomes strangers,
who loves aliens and protects sojourners.

**As always, we feel the tension and the slippage
between the deep truth of our faith
and the easier settlements of our society.**

We do not ask for an easy way out,
but for courage and honesty and faithfulness.
**Give us ease in the presence of those unlike us;
give us generosity amid demands of those in need,**
help us to honour those who trespass
as you forgive our trespasses.

You are the God of all forgiveness.
By your gracious forgiveness transpose us
into agents of your will,
**that our habits and inclinations may more closely
follow your majestic lead, that our lives may
joyously conform to your vision of a new
world. Amen.**

-from Walter Brueggemann's book "Prayers for a Privileged People"

Offering and Offertory Music: Gentle Voice – Susan & Lee Dengler
(Violin – Leslie Wade)

**Presentation of Offering and Offertory Hymn:* Your Work, O God
VU 537 (vs 1)

**Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.**

**Offertory Prayer:*

**Accept our lives, O God, as well as our gifts.
Let the spirit in which we give them be your spirit.
Let the use that is made of them be your use.
Amen**

**Hymn:* Let There Be Light VU 679

Sending Forth:

Go out in the power of the risen Christ.
We are a people forgiven and free.

Benediction

Departing Music: Gavotte - Merritt

Thanks to Those Assisting with Today's Service:

Greeter/Ushers: Pat Atkinson, Ellie Topp, Glenna Jackson, Peggy
Aitchison

Welcome Information Centre: Gerry Monnot

Reader: Rick Morrison

Refreshments: Jean Watson & Pat Stoate

Sound System: John MacFarlane