

Worship Service: Series on Ecotheology and Discipleship
Second Service – *Being a New Disciple: Who is Our Neighbour?*

Opening Prayer

O God,
We come before you today
in love.
We come before you today
in hope.
We come before you today
with all of who we are:
our strengths and weaknesses
our success and our failures
our desires and our resentments.
Teach us, O God,
how to love you and love our neighbour.
Show us, O God,
your way of peace and love.
Bring us, O God,
to a place of compassion
and radical love for others
and ourselves.
Prepare us, O God,
for this time of worship.
In the name of Jesus, who is The Way, we pray.
AMEN.

Opening Hymn: *VU 378 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Children's Time

Suggested Book: *Our Animal Neighbors* by Matthieu Richard and Jason Gruhl (Bala Kids, 2020)

Hymn: *VU 227 For the Fruit of All Creation*

Scripture Readings:

Leviticus 19:1-4, 15-18
Psalms 119:1-8 (VU p.838)
Mark 12:28-34

Sermon *Who Is Our Neighbour?*
(video sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Jessica Hetherington)

Hymn: *MV 39 Mother Earth, Our Mother Birthing (OR: MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines)*

Closing Hymn: *VU 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

Benediction

We are being sent out into the world, now,
with God's greatest commandment placed on our hearts:
to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength,
and to love our neighbours, our human and non-human neighbours,
as ourselves.

We are being sent out into the world, now,
knowing that there is no one and no thing in God's creation
who is not our neighbour.
So let us go, and indeed love.
Let us go, and be stretched in our loving,
so that our love of God and the natural world
may bring healing to all.

And as we go, know that we go not alone,
but with God our Creator, our Redeemer and our Sustainer,
in deep relationship with all that is around us,
this day and always. AMEN.

Other Hymn Suggestions:

VU 229 God of the Sparrow
MV 30 It's a Song of Praise to the Maker
MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky
MV 138 My Love Colours Outside the Lines