



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
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Trinity and First United
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4th Sunday after Epiphany

Land Acknowledgement

Call To Worship:

Why are we called to this place?

To be God's people!

What is required of us?

To seek justice, to love kindness, to live humbly with God.

And how shall we do this?

With our prayers, with our thoughts,

with our actions and with our love!

We are blessed! Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn: VU 242

Let All Things Now Living

Kid's Time Knowledge or Wisdom

Minute for Mission:

In many places in February, winter persists with its short days and lingering cold. Everything seems to take a little more effort—getting out the door, checking in on one another, and finding energy when the season feels heavy.

This time of year can feel long. But it's also a reminder that care is deeply needed. Through Mission and Service, that care shows up in practical, meaningful ways.

Through your generosity, Mission and Service partners are a consistent presence in the middle of winter—whether there's snow or heat. Partners are supporting people facing food insecurity, displacement, isolation, and uncertainty. Your support becomes warmth, stability, and care where it's needed now.

Hope in winter doesn't have to be dramatic. Sometimes it looks like consistency. Sometimes it looks like staying engaged in the face of enduring hardships. Mission and Service partners respond to the needs of their communities with commitment and creativity—and your support is needed to give them the flexibility to do that work well.

Thank you for continuing to walk alongside Mission and Service partners. [Your generosity](#) makes a difference—steadily and when it matters most.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Prayer of Reconciliation

Holy God, you have created us to be reflections of you in our own wonderful uniqueness.

You have created us to love without any other agenda.

And yet sometimes we fail to do so. Sometimes we turn away from another in fear or judgement.

We want to be accepted; we want to be safe. You gently call us back to you, teach us not to be afraid,

teaching us we are all a part of your creation and beloved by you.

Help us to be people of justice and mercy – people of truth and kindness.

Forgive us, God, when we turn away from our brothers and sisters in need. Help us to have the courage to stand up. May we be filled with your Spirit of Life.

Amen

Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through Christ's mercy, broken hearts can be restored;
Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Live in peace, beloved, know you are adored;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words....

Trust these words: you are forgiven!
Through God's mercy, broken lives can be restored;
Trust these words: we are forgiven!
Live in grace and peace, oh love, and serve the Lord;
Trust these words, trust these words, trust these words...
Trust these words.
Amen

Scripture: Micah 6:1-8 (NRSV)

Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
Hear, you mountains, the case of the Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the Lord has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
For I brought you up from the land of Egypt
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord."
"With what shall I come before the Lord
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,

with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

Psalm 15 (The Message)

God, who gets invited
to dinner at your place?
How do we get on your guest list?
"Walk straight,
act right,
tell the truth.
"Don't hurt your friend,
don't blame your neighbor;
despise the despicable.
"Keep your word even when it costs you,
make an honest living,
never take a bribe.
"You'll never get
blacklisted
if you live like this."

1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (NRSV)

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSV) (The Message)

Message – Riddles!

Offering

Hymn MV 701

What Does the Lord Require of YOU?

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Justice. Kindness. Walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice and love kindness

And walk humbly with your God!

Prayers of our Hearts and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn VU 660

How Firm a Foundation

Commissioning and Benediction

We are blessed, perfectly imperfect people of God!

May we be moved to seek justice,

to love kindness and to walk humbly with our God!

May we pay attention to the whispers of the Spirit within our hearts.

May we know the constant love and presence of God!

Sung Blessing MV 214 (MV)

May God's Sheltering Wings

May God's sheltering wings,

God's gathering wings protect you.

May God's nurturing arms, God's cradling arms sustain you.

And hold you in God's love

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