

JASPER UNITED CHURCH

September 12th, 2021 (Yr. B) 16th Sunday after Pentecost

Creation Time 1

Creation Cries Out: Love Me!

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith. We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring and accepting community, and to be stewards of God’s world.”

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren

Musician: Carol Vien

*Let there be such oneness between us
that when one cries, the other tastes salt.*

— Rosabelle Bellevue

Prelude

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Announcements

Celebrations and Remembrances

Settling Moment: VU 335

In the quiet of your listening, you are invited to rest your thoughts and prepare your hearts and minds to worship God.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In the season of dimming light, we light this candle to be reminded of Christ’s Light that never dims. (lighting of the Christ Candle)

Christ’s Light is always among us.

Call to Worship:

Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”

We are here because we are disciples of Jesus

What is a disciple?

A disciple follows the discipline of love.

A disciple is someone who follows what Jesus taught.

A disciple is someone who seeks to know who we say Jesus is!

Wisdom calls out. Showing us what love must do.

Come all who seek to know who Jesus is.

Come let us gather and learn the way of Jesus.

Hymn: Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

MV 10

Gathering Prayer:

Loving God, You reveal your presence in the wonder of your created world. In the sun and moon your Wisdom speaks. How wonderfully you have created us all, Granting us too with wisdom’s breath. Wisdom to seek your ways, for your wisdom is Life to your people.

As we gather today in praise of you and the wonders of your world, help us to remember that we need you. For we can be a foolish people and forget in whose image we are created. Forget that You designed us to be in loving community with all. God, you are our God. We are your disciples. Forgive us. Bless us with your presence as we gather. Fill us with your wisdom until all our thoughts are pleasing unto You. Amen

God’s wisdom comes to fill our hearts, to cleanse even those thoughts we have not yet discerned that can turn us away from being present with God. God comes to teach us how to follow in the steps of love. Thanks be to God. Amen

Conversation Time

Prayer for Illumination

God, in your Wisdom, help us to hear your Word for us today.

Scripture Readings: Proverbs 1: 20 – 33; Psalm 19 (VU 741);

Mark 8: 27 – 38

These are the stories of our faith.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: Long Ago and Far Away

MV 195

COMMUNION

Mission and Service

Invitation to the Offering:

In the wonder and beauty of the earth, In awe of all that is - both the day and the night and the promise of each new dawn - with thanksgiving in our heart, we respond to God, Creator of all, through the sharing of our gifts. We give thanks for all that is given to support the work of the church near and far. Let us pray.

Offering Prayer: (from VU 538)

Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give. Amen
Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer **VU 914**

Closing Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

VU 335

Blessing:

Jesus stands and asks:

“Who do you say I am?”

We join millions who have gone before
and say: “the Messiah”

Jesus stands in front of us
and tells us the realities of discipleship
We join millions who have gone before
in the challenges of living as disciples.

Jesus stands before us
and offers food and drink for the journey.

Fed and nourished,
we go out into the world to live and serve.

Jesus stands before us, love shining bright,
and will be with us to the end of the age.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, **Worship Offerings**. <http://worshipofferings.blogspot.ca/>

May the grace of God enfold you,
may the light of Christ shine upon you,
and may the power of the Holy Spirit move in and through you,
today and all your days.

Amen.

Postlude