

**ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH (Williams Lake)**

October 23, 2022

10:00 am

**Sunday Worship**

Ministers of the Gospel: Everyone!

Minister of Word, Sacrament & Pastoral Care: Rev Nancy Colton

Music Director: Rocco Catalano

Pianist: Michael Bruce

Stand Up Bass: Hal Giles

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**Order of Service**

**Welcome**

**The Peace**

One: In the name of Jesus, who is alive in each of us, peace to you.

**All: And also to you.**

**Centering for Worship**

**Hymn – *Open Our Hearts***

MV 21

**Lighting the Christ Candle**

**Call to Worship**

One: Praise God, it is Sunday!

**All: Praise God, we are here!**

One: Praise God, in this place at this time.

**All: This is the day God has made.**

One: We are the people God has made.

**All: And we are made to worship.**

One: Let us worship with strength this fine day!

**Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Loving God, the one who searches for us always,  
find us this morning, we pray.**

**Find our fears and hold us in the night.**

**Find our sorrows and comfort us in the light.**

**Find our anger and soothe us in your embrace.**

**Find our joy and dance with us to the drum.**

**Find our worship, praise, and celebration**

**and sing us into harmony.**

**Amen.**

**Hymn – *Each Blade of Grass***

MV 37

**Prayer of Confession\***

**Words of Assurance\***

One: Our focus may stray but God's never does.

**All: God continues to accept us, forgive us, and**

**Offer us a chance to start again.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn – *O Beautiful Gaia***

MV 41

**Scripture Readings:**

Joel 2:23-32 Abundant rain, full threshing floors.

Psalms 65 God crowns the year with goodness

VU p. 782

*(singing the response)*

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 I have fought the good fight; finished  
the race.

Luke 18:9-14 The Pharisees and the tax collector go to pray.

**Sermon**

**Hymn – *In the Quiet Curve of Evening***

VU 278

**Offering Prayer (unison)**

**God of abundance, you have called us to be the  
church, and so we share our abilities, resources,  
and love. Committed to the way of generosity,**

**kindness, and grace, we offer ourselves. Receive our offerings of time, talent and treasure. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern**

**Hymn** – *One More Step Along the World I Go* VU 639

**The Lord's Prayer** (sung) VU 959

### **The Life and Work of our Congregation\* Minute for Mission**

**Hymn** – *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided* VU 274

### **Blessing and Sending Forth**

**Closing Song** – *Go Now in Peace* VU 964

*Full credits are in the Presider's copy of the service.*

### **The Life and Work of the Congregation**

**Interim/Acting Office Coordinator** – Karen's last day as our Interim/Acting Office Coordinator was Wednesday. We are – as your minister I know I am – deeply grateful for her tremendous work over these past six weeks. We wish her well in her second retirement.

**Congregational Meeting** – A short Congregational Meeting will be held in MacKinnon Hall following worship on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**. The purpose of the congregational meeting is to vote on the Board's recommendation regarding the Shared Ministry Agreement with Quesnel.

**Congregational Conversation** – After the congregational meeting on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**, we'll carry on with our previously scheduled Congregation Conversation.