

Oct 16, 2022 - World Food Sunday - Creation Time 6

(Stand as you are able)*

The Church gathers – we come together as people of the spirit

Welcome and Announcements

Acknowledgment of Traditional Territory

Call to Worship

Come, praise God! **Who turns the year in its seasons, bringing Spring time and Harvest.**

Let's share God's goodness: **The wealth of land, sea and soil, the food and nurture that makes all things grow.**

Let's share God's goodness – **And share it fairly and generously, looking to make the world a world of contented bellies, with enough to eat, and enough to live.**

Let's remember God's generosity – **And echo that generosity in our homes, our communities, our country, and around the world! Praise be to God!**

***Opening Hymn: VU 517, Praise God For the Harvest**

Gathering Prayer and Lord's Prayer (Sung, VU 960)

Good and gracious God, You gather us in all across this earth, asking us to remember and care about those who hunger – those hungering for hope – those hungering for justice – those hungering for daily food. You ask us to see the earth as you do – so rich and good, producing food for us and for all living creatures, great and small. You ask us to see our home as a holy place, with room for all.

Yet the realities can take our breath away – the empty bellies, and the ones who grab more than their fair share. We ask you to breathe new life into us, as global people,

and as local people. Help us remind each other of your intent for this earth.

When you ask us to use our hands for your purposes, may our work be bold and generous, not full of excuses and done stingily.

When you ask us to speak out against injustice, may we not speak too softly, afraid the injustice may strike us too. When you ask us to see the pain of poverty, may we not shut our eyes, pretending it's not there.

God, forgive us when we serve you only when it's convenient, only in places where it's safe to do so, and only with those who are easy to help. When we fail, forgive us, renew us, and send us out in the fuller meaning of life in you. Amen.

(adapted from World Food Day prayer from Presbyterianmission.org, and Joe Sereman, South Africa)

Words of Assurance:

God is close at hand. God receives us as we are, lifting us up, calling us again and again to live as people of love and mercy — people who are salt and light in a hungry, hurting world. Thanks be to God!

To Hear the Story – we listen for the wisdom of God's spirit

The Scripture Readings

Isaiah 55, 1-3, 6-13 - Janet Ross

Scripture in Story: John 6:1-13 – Beth Brownlee, Derek Stott, Kim Delarosbel, Stuart Bailey

Learning Time: The Right Tools

Choir: Hands Left and Right

The Reflection "Until All are Fed" - Elizabeth Brownlee

Music for Reflection: Unfolding Creation

To Be the Story – we respond with spirit-filled faith and service

Minute for Mission – Lorie Fairburn

Sharing our Gifts – Invitation and Dedication

(Words anonymous, traditional German tune at VU 549)

Praise and thanksgiving sing, Alleluia!

Thanks for the food we eat,

And for the friends we meet,

For each new day we greet, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer – Bill Ingwersen

To Tell the Story – the sending forth

*Hymn: VU 884, You Shall Go Out With Joy (x2)

*The Sending Forth

Loving God, as we head out into this good week,
bless our hands and bless our lives, as ordinary, yet as life
giving as wheat flour or cornmeal. May our stumbling
generosity and our heartfelt actions be part of the heavenly
feast that feeds all your people. May your blessing be on
us and on all those we meet. Until all are fed. Amen.

(adapted from the Monthly Prayers page of the Christian Aid website)

*Choral Response

As our path wanders onward to the rising of the sun,
may the wind that moves among us, help us travel through
all harm, 'til the evening of life shines forth into dawn, may
God be with us as we go, as we go, in peace.

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