

## NORTHERN SPIRIT REGION

June 14, 2020

### Regional Worship Service – Online

Surely God is in this place - Help me notice!



“VU” indicates the red hymnal, Voices United

“MV” indicates the coil bound hymnal, More Voices

#### We Gather as a People of God

Prelude: *"Morning Has Broken"* Gaelic melody/ arr. Teresa Wilhelmi

Elaine Dunbar,  
Grace United Church, Edmonton, AB

Welcome: Rev. Anna Constantin  
Grace United Church, Edmonton, AB

Treaty 6 Land Acknowledgement:  
Evelyn Day, Elder & Dave Elliot, Helper

Lighting the Christ Candle: Shylo Rosborough  
Affirming Ministries Coordinator

Response: *"There Is Room for All"* (English, French, English) MV 62  
led by Tyson Kerr and Susan Farrell  
St Paul's United Church, Edmonton, AB

Call to Worship: Rev. Andrew Kinoti Lairenge,  
Vermillion-Manville Pastoral Charge, AB

As we, Northern Spirit Region,  
gather together as a community of faith  
in ways never expected.  
Our laughter contains surprise, and curiosity.  
Our hearts yearn to know that  
nothing is too wonderful for God,  
And that surely God is with each one of us in this place!

Opening Prayer: Rev. Andrew Kinoti Lairenge,  
Vermillion-Manville Pastoral Charge, AB

Loving God, we gather as your people,  
from all corners of this region,  
with many responses to your call to love,  
to share hospitality through word and deed,  
and to plant seeds of hope in surprising places.  
May this time together open us to the harvest  
that God is planting for us all. Amen.

Hymn: *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"* (v 1-2) VU 703

#### We Listen for the Word of God

Children's Time: Tim Rosborough, Athabasca United Church, AB  
Collin Parent, Grace United Church, Edmonton, A

Hymn: *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"* (v 3) VU 703

Scripture: Genesis 18: 1-15, 21: 1-7 (the Inclusive Bible)  
Rev. Hati Mvundura,  
Hillcrest United Church, Fort Nelson, BC

Instrumental: *"Soil of God, You and I"* Elaine Dunbar  
by jim hannah/arr. David Melhorn-Boe

Reflection: Rev. Dr. Karen Medland  
Minister for the Office of Vocation  
Northern Spirit Region, Living Skies Region and  
Prairie to Pine Region

Hymn: *"Soil of God, You and I"* MV 174

Pastoral Prayer: Rev. Dr. Catherine Faith MacLean  
Tyson Kerr, Susan Farrell  
St Paul's United Church, Edmonton, AB  
Retirees: Rev. Mary Annan, Rev. Edith Harnden,  
Rev. David Wasyk

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) VU 959

#### We Respond to God's Grace with our Gifts and our Lives

Introduction to Offering: Rev Nancy Monteith  
Jasper United Church, AB

Offertory: *"I Shall Not Want"* Elaine Dunbar  
by B. Brown & A. Assad/ arr. Heather Sorenson

Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed VU 918  
Rev. Chelsea Masterman  
Grace United Church, Edmonton, AB

#### We Go Forth into the World

Hymn: *"We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"* VU 586

Blessing: Rev. Dr. Johnny Rhoad  
Grimshaw/Peace River Pastoral Charge, AB and  
Chaplain to the Peace River Correctional Centre.

Postlude: "Air" (excerpt) by Henry Purcell

Elaine Dunbar

~~~~~

*Thank you to everyone who participated in this week's service.  
Special thanks to Rev. Anna Constantin for organizing and  
recruiting.*

Permission to podcast/stream the music in this service obtained  
from One License with license #A-725315