

# Eramosa Pastoral Charge

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United Church of Canada Congregations

**Sunday 27 September, 2020**

Third Sunday Creation Time in Pentecost



**We're glad you're here.**

*We welcome those with tons of faith, those with little faith and those who wonder if they have any faith at all.*

## **Gathering**

### *The People Journey Together Responding to God's Call*

#### **Prelude**

#### **Lighting of the Candle**

#### **Call to Worship**

The Holy One calls us into community –

**the work of being together however and wherever we are.**

The Holy One calls us into mindfulness –

**the work of paying attention to the body of ourselves, the body of our church, the body of the planet.**

The Holy One calls us into nurturing –

**the work of tending the seeds that have been planted.**

The Holy One calls us: into us, through us and with us.

**Let us worship the Holy One.**

Adapted from a prayer written by the Rev. Donalee Williams

**Hymn** VU 313 “God, Whose Almighty Word” Judy Parker

#### **Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession**

**Holy One, sustainer of all our days,  
you hold us in your embrace,  
nourishing our souls  
as the soil nourishes newly-sown seeds.**

**Like a patient farmer and gardener  
you wait for us and stay with us,  
whatever a harvest may bring.**

**As the changing season invites us into a different rhythm,  
help us to see that life may grow in different directions  
than the ones we are used to.**

**Holy One, sustainer of all our days,  
open us to your embracing and patient presence,  
in all of our plantings and harvestings.**

**Amen.** *Adapted from Opening Prayer in Calling on God by Peter Bankson & Deborah Sokolove, page 82-83*

## **Prayer of Confession and Words of Assurance**

**When we pray for the strength to hoe our rows with smarts, kindness and warmth, be with us in this unfamiliar politized and pandemic landscape. Forgive us as when stumble toward self centeredness and a sense of not having enough, in our fears. We pray you forgive any missteps we take as we get used to living in conditions we have to adapt to. Forgive when we don't give ourselves and others time to adapt. Forgive us when we refuse to adapt. We are your helpers in the sowing of seeds God. your helpers, God, to work, love laugh, and serve goodness in an imperfect and unfamiliar world.**

### **Words of Assurance**

**The good news is that no matter how many times we are remiss, you are with us. Amen**

## **Word**

*We Open the Bible. We Receive the Word.*

### **Prayer for Understanding & Grace**

May the words from our mouths, the meditations of our hearts, and the songs sung from ours hearts be acceptable in your sight , O God.

Matthew 13:1-8 – Work with me - the parable of the sower

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil

and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.  
Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Conversation with Children and Youth** Bethany Parkinson

**Hymn** MV 125 When a Grain of Wheat (Hitosubu no) Mary Meads

**Message**

### **Thanksgiving**

*We Offer Ourselves and Our Gifts*

**Our Offering in a Spirit of Gratitude**

### **Prayers of the People**

God of long and unknown journeys, you have travelled with us through all our days. Travel with us now. Assure us of your presence as we face uncertainties. Remind us that you go ahead of us; before we round a corner you are already there, to comfort us, and guide us, and protect us...

...All these things we pray in Jesus' name. Together we pray...

**Lord's Prayer**

**VU 921/959**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Sending Forth**  
*We Go Out to Serve*

**\*Commissioning and Blessing**

**\*Choral Amen**

**Remember!**

World Wide Communion, next week, 4 October 2020

Have your wine, juice, coffee and your bread, cracker, pita, toast, cold  
pizza or muffin ready to share in Lord's Supper.