

Sunday, January 19, 2020

Centre for Community and Spiritual Discovery

“Christmas Revisited”

Gathering:

Prelude and Gathering Music

Welcoming to this Sacred Space

Lighting the Christ Candle – Prayer Box Placement

Call to Worship Prayer (Together):

Creator, we can do no less than thank you for this beautiful new day – a clean slate – a chance to do or to re-do our life’s choices. We believe that each morning is fresh – that the sun always rises – that your love for creation does not change. Accept this our praise and thanks that we offer to you today.

In the spirit of Christ. Amen.

Singing: ‘I am the Light of the World’ VU 87

Hearing the Word:

Hebrew Scripture: Exodus 3: 1 – 5

1 Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.

2 There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.

3 Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.”

4 When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”

5 Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”

Christian Scripture: Matthew 5: 1 – 12(a)

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

The Beatitudes

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and

falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven.

Singing: 'Open Our Hearts' (x 2) MV 21

After Christmas Meditation

Choir Anthem: 'Standing On Holy Ground' Judy & Marc Hafso

Responding to the Word:

Presentation of the Offering

Sung Dedication: 'For the Gift of Creation' (x 2) VU 538

Prayers of the Congregation

Christ's Prayer (spoken)

Singing: 'Let There Be Light' VU 679

Closing:

KUC Announcements and Events

Commission and Benediction

Gloria in Excelsis Deo (refrain) VU 38

Postlude