

New Testament Readings:.....Sheila Le Noury
Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Sermon - Creation and Creativity of Service.

Prayers of Intercession

Hymn HP 342 (Offering during hymn)

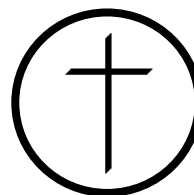
Methodist Worship Book
Page 203 The Peace
Hymn HP 607

The Thanksgiving
Sung responses on pages 204, 205,206 and 207
The Breaking of Bread
The Sharing
Prayer page 209

Hymn HP 699

Blessing

*(Note:- Retiring collection will be taken after this service
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Sunday 5th February 2012
(Worship and Communion Service)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Steward's Welcome -pause for reflection before worship

Call to Worship.

Those who grow weary: come!

Those who feel faint: come!

Those who fall exhausted: come!

You shall soar as on eagles' wings.

Have you not known?

Have you not heard?

The creator waits on you

to lift you, love you, and renew you in strength

Hymn HP 29 "Thou whose almighty word"

Prayer of Gathering.

From purple - headed mountains,
to rivers running by,
we celebrate the song of creation
that our throats are ready to sing.
From the shining of shaken oil,
to marmalade sunsets,
we feel the rhythm inside us,
beating in time with all creation.
Within this wonder we gather,
And meet you, Lord of life. **Amen**

Prayer of Approach

This rock comes from ancient mountains;
this water from oceans of old;
this earth from the lands far off;
this light from the dawn of time;
this air from our ever-changing world;
this branch from the age-old cycle;
this seed from the first promises of God,
this moment birthed from the last.
Within, and through, all of creation,
past and present and still to come,
we find you, O God, alive with promise,
and generous with imagination for what is yet to be.
And we praise you. **Amen**

Prayer of Confession

Creator,
it is so easy to talk of creation
and the sins we commit against it:
sins of pollution;

of deforestation;
of desertification;
of ice caps melting;
of plastic islands in the oceans;
of chemical waste.
Forgive us for physical damage;
forgive us for not honouring "beauty" enough
that these things happen.
Forgive us for not holding "wonder" close enough
that we lose connection with the seasons and the land.

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Forgive us for not blessing the earth with fallow time
that we strip it of its goodness.
Forgive us for not recognising the balance of creation enough
that we turn it into economy and profit.
It is so easy to talk of creation and the sins we commit again.
May we refocus ourselves, as part of creation;
in balance with the whole;
one of many parts;
leaving a legacy integral to the circle of life,
bound together in past, present and future.
Hear us, Forgive us. Renew us. Set us free. **Amen**

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40; 21-31Liz Hicks

Continuous Creation -

"Youtube item"

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