

September 19th, 2021

Worship link: <https://youtu.be/QITVgHqkky0>

Flowers given in loving memory of her friend Stefan - by Laurie Thomson

PRELUDE: *We cannot own the sunlit sky* (music and video by Michael Lemiski)

OPENING WORDS:

CHILDREN'S TIME: *He's got the whole world* (Praiseways Songbook)

- ♪ *He's got the whole world in his hands, the whole wide world, in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.*
- ♪ *He's got the tiny little baby in his hands,...he's got the whole world in his hands*
- ♪ *He's got you and me brother, in his hands, he's got you and me sister in his hands, ...he's got the whole family in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.*
- ♪ *He's got every living thing, in his hands, he's got every living thing, in his hands, he's got every living thing, in his hands – God has the whole world in his hands!*

PRAYER: #717 *We cannot own the sunlit sky* by Ruth Duck

Let us pray – Indeed – we have each arrived on this beautiful planet...

- ♪ *We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wild-flowers growing, for we are part of all that is within life's river flowing. With open hands receive & share the gifts of God's creation, that all may have abundant life in every earthly nation.*

Lord God, as our country votes tomorrow – we thank you for the privilege of living..

*When bodies shiver in the night and weary wait for morning,
When children have no bread but tears, and war horns sound their warning.
God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labour,
That all may have abundant life, in oneness with their neighbour.*

We remember Laurie Thomson this week in tenderness as ...

*God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear, life's goodness celebrating, that new world
beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavour that all might have abundant
life and peace endure forever.*

The Lord' prayer

SCRIPTURE: Romans 1:20a; Acts 17:selected from 16-28; Acts 16:11-15
Read by the group currently considering the PCC's Indigenous Report

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

SERMON: *Circle of life, in a small world*
(Disney Series)

CLOSING HYMN: #719 (tune 324) *God...lent us this planet*

by Fred Pratt Green

♪ God in great love for us lent us this planet,
Gave it a purpose in time and in space:
Small as a spark from the fire of creation,
Cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
Life that sustains us in body and mind:
Plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
Riches undreamed of to fathom and find.

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,
Ours, as God's stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse and destruction,
Good Lord, deliver us, world without end!

POSTLUDE: #403 *She comes sailing on the wind*

by Gordon Light

BENEDICTION & BLESSING: *Go now in peace*

by Don Besig