



Labour Day Sunday September 6, 2020 On-the-Lawn & Video Worship

Words of Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Candle Lighting & Centering...

Quote: "It is terrible how much has been forgotten, which is why, I suppose, remembering seems a holy thing." Anita Diamant, *The Red Tent*

Call to Worship

Where there is praise
you dwell.

Where your faithful gather - virtually,
singularly, or together
indoors or out,

you are here, in our midst.

With gladness and joy,

we praise you, Holy One.

With dancing hearts,

we praise you, Creator God.

With thanks for all your gifts and graces,

we praise you, Sacred Presence.

With all we are and all we have,

we praise you, Author of Life.

by Kathy Swaar

<https://revgalblogpals.org/2020/09/01/worship-words-for-6-september-2020/>

Hymn: *Each Blade of Grass* (#37 MV)

This hymn is a simple list of everyday things in God's Creation that we sometimes miss or forget to be thankful for, yet which -- when joined -- complete the circle of creation.

"Each blade of grass, ev'ry wing that soars,
The waves that sweep
across a distant shore,
Make full the circle of God.

Each laughing child, ev'ry gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
Make full the circle of God.

Each silent paw, ev'ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honeyed comb,
Make full the circle of God.

Each fire-brimmed star,
ev'ry outstretched hand,
The wind that leaps

and sails across the land,
Make full the circle of God.

Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,
Make full the circle of God.

Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,
all form the beauty of this vast array,
Making full the circle of God."

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Preamble to the Reading, with Labour Day in mind... What have been/are your Labours of Love? Were there jobs you did where you were enslaved to the idea of chasing a paycheque more so than finding your call/purpose within the role/position? This week's bible reading invites us to reflect on dignity in the demands of labour. We were never meant to be enslaved. We are meant to be co-creators with God.

A Reading from Exodus 12:1-14 ~ *the Institution of the Passover*

This ritual marks a new beginning for the Jewish community as they journey from slavery to freedom.

Listening Song ~ *Working Man* by Men of the Deeps performing at the Fort Mac benefit concert. Video link: <https://youtu.be/v56DCcyGnec>

Minister's Message

Prayer ~ *God of the Working World*

~ written by Carol Penner, and posted on her **Leading in Worship** blog.

<http://carolpenner.typepad.com/>

God of the working world:

Thank you for meaningful work that fills us with satisfaction,
the way challenges can spur us on to greater efforts
that pay off with a job well done.

But that's not always the case.

Sometimes the work we do isn't productive, or it isn't recognized.

We spend the whole day working and nothing gets done,
the machine breaks down just after we fixed it,

the house gets messy just when it was clean,
more tasks are assigned to us when we are already overwhelmed.

Some of us hate our work.

It's too hard for us, our bodies can't take it.

The working environment is depressing,

or the people we work with drag us down.

Sometimes we aren't making enough money to make ends meet.

And some of us can't find work.

We sit at home, longing to be productive, but there are no jobs.

In a world that values financial success,

and in a world where bills pile up,

not bringing home a paycheque can make us feel like outcasts.

You are the great employer.

There are jobs in your kingdom for each one;

challenging, meaningful, significant.

You provide us with the tools for the job;

strength, courage, determination and insight.

Open our eyes to your great work, and our place within it.

We are your work, the work of your hands;
we do the work of your hands.

& The Prayer Jesus Taught ~ Our Father...

Blessing:

"May the sun bring you new energy every day.
May the moon restore you by night.
May the rain wash away your worries.
May the breeze blow new strength into your being.
May you walk gently through the world
And know it's beauty all the days of your life."
- from a traditional blessing

Spiritual: *I'm Gonna Live so God Can Use Me* #575 VU

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