

## Worship Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:45 a.m.

Invocation by Christopher Grundy

### Opening Prayer

In the beginning, the Holy One created  
the sun and the moon to separate day and night  
and to be signs for seasons and for days and for years

**After the flood, God made this promise to us through Noah,**

***“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.***

Smell the gentle rain. Taste the sweet maple syrup.  
Watch dew worms wriggling on the path  
and the new life bursting forth.

**Some of us can't wait for the long, hot days of summer.**

***Others of us don't want spring to ever end.***

See the colours deepen as flowers and crops mature.  
Feel the parks and beaches, cities, fields and forests beckon.

**Some of us don't ever want the heat to end**

***Others of us long for the cool, crisp days of fall.***

Hear the dry leaves rustling under foot.  
Smell the rich earth as it takes back the plants and leaves.  
Taste the good food God has given us.

**Some of us can't wait for the snow and cold.**

***Others pray the fall will never end.***

Delight in the sun sparkling on frosty window panes.  
See the snow drifting over the earth protecting it for spring,  
Bundle in warm clothes or cuddle up around the fire.

**Some of us love the cold.**

***Others can't wait for the spring.***

Let us give thanks and praise to the Lord  
who is faithful to us through all the changing seasons.

**Let us worship the One**

***who is Holy Mystery and Wholly Love.***

**Hymn: MV28 “God of the Bible”**

**Dwelling on the Word:** Genesis 18:1-15 *in two voices*

Where did you stop?

What word or phrase stood out?

What are you afraid to lose?

What makes you laugh?

Where do you hear God’s word of hope?

**Hymn: VU624 “Give to Us Laughter”**

**Reflection on our Theme:**

“In Due Season”

**Hymn: VU578**

**“As a Fire is Meant for Burning”**

**Blessing**

