

## **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**

