

Yellowstone Presbytery – Saturday Order of Service

Opening Prayer:

God, the ground of our being, the source of direction and hope, we come to your presence as those from the global north and those from the global south, seeking your guidance and leading as we listen to and share our narratives of faith. We recognize the gift of diversity with which you have enriched us. As we mutually learn from one another we pray that your Spirit may move us into new chapters of being and new chapters of action. Bind us together in your love and hold us together in your care. Amen.

Singing:

In Christ Alone (4:56): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JWiFYJMGas0>

Scripture Reading: Yellowstone Member

Acts 2:14-18

14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

17 “In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
18 Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

An African Song: Mweya Mutsvene (stop at 5:30 min):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wg3fipHRjx0>

Paul and Lydia Neshangwe Sharing: “Ministry in Zimbabwe”

Intercession Time: “A Franciscan Blessing”

May God bless you with discomfort,
at easy answers, half-truths,
and superficial relationships

so that you may live
deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger
at injustice, oppression,
and exploitation of people,
so that you may work for
justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears,
to shed for those who suffer pain,
rejection, hunger, and war,
so that you may reach out your hand
to comfort them and
to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you
with enough foolishness
to believe that you can
make a difference in the world,
so that you can do
what others claim cannot be done,
to bring justice and kindness
to all our children and the poor.

Postlude: Zundikhokhele (4:25 min): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qSnGZaRjXWQ>

Benediction: Yellowstone Presbytery Moderator