

**Sunday 2 October 2022**  
**Fanning the Flame**

**Notices**

- Teapot Tuesday – 2:30pm, Bracon Ash VH
- Church Social Evening – from 7pm, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October at Mulbarton Social Club

**Introduction & Welcome**

**Faith Rising From Reality**

**Song: Come Now is the Time**

**Receiving God's Forgiveness**

Let us call to mind where we need God's ever available grace:

O God, where we have brought an agenda or expectation that is faithless or cynical, forgive us.

Where we have considered ourselves better than we are, or more deserving than others, forgive us:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Where we have forgotten the call to faithfulness and dismissed your importance in our lives, forgive us.

Where we have demanded special treatment and disregarded that which truly matters, forgive us:

Christ have mercy.

**Christ have mercy.**

Give us a renewed faith today, O God;  
remind us of your calling on our lives and restore us to community.

In Jesus' name and by your Spirit's power:

Lord have mercy.

**Lord have mercy.**

Blessed be you, Lord God,  
for your forgiveness.

This is the God who calls us:  
a generous and forgiving God.

This is the God who redeems us:  
the One who made us and treasures us.

This the God who restores us:  
a leader worthy of our trust.

We take a deep breath of God's grace  
and know that we can begin again.

Let us go forward in renewed faith.

**Amen.**

### A Letter From A Prison Cell

#### 2 Timothy 1:1-14 (The Message)

<sup>1-2</sup> I, Paul, am on special assignment for Christ, carrying out God's plan laid out in the Message of Life by Jesus. I write this to you, Timothy, the son I love so much. All the best from our God and Christ be yours!

<sup>3-4</sup> Every time I say your name in prayer—which is practically all the time—I thank God for you, the God I worship with my whole life in the tradition of my ancestors. I miss you a lot, especially when I remember that last tearful good-bye, and I look forward to a joy-packed reunion.

<sup>5-7</sup> That precious memory triggers another: your honest faith—and what a rich faith it is, handed down from your grandmother Lois to your mother Eunice, and now to you! And the special gift of ministry you received when I laid hands on you and prayed—keep that ablaze! God doesn't want us to be shy with his gifts, but bold and loving and sensible.

<sup>8-10</sup> So don't be embarrassed to speak up for our Master or for me, his prisoner. Take your share of suffering for the Message along with the rest of us. We can only keep on going, after all, by the power of God, who first saved us and then called us to this holy work. We had nothing to do with it.

It was all *his* idea, a gift prepared for us in Jesus long before we knew anything about it. But we know it now. Since the appearance of our Savior, nothing could be plainer: death defeated, life vindicated in a steady blaze of light, all through the work of Jesus.

<sup>11-12</sup> This is the Message I've been set apart to proclaim as preacher, emissary, and teacher. It's also the cause of all this trouble I'm in. But I have no regrets. I couldn't be more sure of my ground—the One I've trusted in can take care of what he's trusted me to do right to the end.

<sup>13-14</sup> So keep at your work, this faith and love rooted in Christ, exactly as I set it out for you. It's as sound as the day you first heard it from me. Guard this precious thing placed in your custody by the Holy Spirit who works in us.

#### Song: It's Bubbling

It's bubbling in my soul.  
There's singing and laughing  
Since Jesus made me whole  
Folks don't understand it  
Nor can I keep it quiet  
Coz it's bubbling, bubbling  
Bubbling, bubbling,

Bubbling day and night.

#### Fan the Flame

- Guard what has been given
  - Fan into flame
    - How?
  - A Minute To Win It
  - Responding in Faith
- What, Where, Who, How?
  - Write on your fan

#### Sharing Journeys:

#### The Profession of Faith:

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the  
Father, source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son,  
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

#### Song: Be Still

#### Special Prayer for Today

*16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Trinity*

Lord of creation,

whose glory is around and within us:

open our eyes to your wonders,

that we may serve you with reverence

and know your peace at our lives' end,

through Jesus Christ our Lord..

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### **Whom We Have Believed**

### **Summing Up**

### **Song: The King of Love**

### **Closing Blessing**

The Lord bless us and watch over us,  
the Lord make his face to shine upon us  
and be gracious to us, the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**