



Season of Creation, Pentecost 2 2018 at a Glance



Date	September 2, 2018	September 9, 2018	September 16, 2018	September 23, 2018	September 30, 2018	October 7, 2018
Liturgical date	15th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 17 (22) 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Creation 1	16th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 18 (23) 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Creation 2	17th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 19 (24) 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Creation 3	18th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 20 (25) 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Season of Creation 4	19th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 21 (26) 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	20th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 22 (27) 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Title	Earth Sunday	Humanity Sunday	Sky Sunday	Mountain Sunday	Getting Out of the Way	Tough Questions along the Way
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Genesis 1:1–25 Psalm 33:1–9 Romans 1:18–23 John 1:1–14	Genesis 1:26–28 Psalm 8 Philippians 2:1–8 Mark 10:41–45	Jeremiah 4:23–28 Psalm 19:1–6 Philippians 2:14–18 Mark 15:33–39	Isaiah 65:17–25 Psalm 48:1–11 Romans 8:28–39 Mark 16:14–18	Esther 7:1–6, 9–10; 9:20–22 Psalm 124 James 5:13–20 Mark 9:38–50	Job 1:1; 2:1–10 Psalm 26 Hebrews 1:1–4; 2:5–12 Mark 10:2–16
Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving	As we focus on aspects of God's nurturing presence, we acknowledge Earth as our teacher, our source, and our guide.	Made in the image of God, we take our place within Creation, rather than over and above it.	An image of a world in which we are alone, where beauty is destroyed, and God's good Creation undone, startles us from complacency, and calls us to take seriously the reality and danger of climate change.	The Season of Creation comes to a close with a vision of God's holy mountain; a vision that offers us a path of hope for the future, and a more convincing invitation to live with respect in creation.	When the disciples are concerned about who is doing ministry, Jesus challenges exclusionary attitudes and encourages us to see the way God is at work in the community.	We approach a difficult reading about marriage and divorce with caution and enquiry, and discover that at its heart is the compassion of God for all.





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Date	October 14, 2018	October 21, 2018	October 28, 2018	November 4, 2018	November 11, 2018	November 18, 2018	November 25, 2018
Liturgical date	21st Sunday after Pentecost Proper 23 (28) 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	22nd Sunday after Pentecost Proper 24 (29) 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	23rd Sunday after Pentecost Proper 25 (30) 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	24th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 26 (31) 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time	25th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 27 (32) 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	26th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 (33) 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Reign of Christ/ Christ the King 27th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 29 (34) 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Title	Finding Our Way	A New Way	The Way of Exclusion	The Way of Love	The Way of Giving and Receiving	The Way of Faithfulness	Reign of Christ
Lectionary readings <i>(focus passage in bold)</i>	Job 23:1–9, 16–17 Psalm 22:1–15 Hebrews 4:12–16 Mark 10:17–31	Job 38:1–7, (34–41) Psalm 104:1–9, 24, 35c Hebrews 5:1–10 Mark 10:35–45	Job 42:1–6, 10–17 Psalm 34:1–8, (19–22) Hebrews 7:23–28 Mark 10:46–52	Ruth 1:1–18 Psalm 146 Hebrews 9:11–14 Mark 12:28–34	Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17 Psalm 127 Hebrews 9:24–28 Mark 12:38–44	1 Samuel 1:4–20 1 Samuel 2:1–10 Hebrews 10:11–14, (15–18), 19–25 Mark 13:1–8	2 Samuel 23:1–7 Psalm 132:1–12, (13–18) Revelation 1:4b–8 John 18:33–37
Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving	An exaggerated metaphor of a camel and the eye of a needle provides opportunity to reflect on how wealth and possessions get in the way of faithful living.	What passes for greatness, and what is truly great are questions Jesus addresses in response to James' and John's request for favour and status.	In a story about restored sight, Jesus transforms exclusive behaviour and helps Bartimaeus and the community to see.	In response to a scribe's question, we ask, "What does it mean for us to ground our life's journeys in love for God, self, and neighbour?"	A widow challenges us to pay attention, to identify and challenge systems that exploit the most vulnerable, and trust in another way.	With hope oozing from this week's readings, we prepare to transition from the Season after Pentecost into Advent.	On the last Sunday of the church year, we are called to think about truth, about Jesus who is identified as truth, and the response we are called to make to the one who speaks truth to us.

