

Sunday Five – Season of Creation

Year A, Proper 21

Exodus 17:2-3, 5-6

We come before you,
Lord God, our provider, our source of life.

You give us water,
which we need to live.

You cause it to spring from the rock in the desert.
You give water for all to live.

We confess we have not always been good caretakers.

We have hoarded and polluted,
filled the oceans with the plastic of our consumption.

We buy and sell what you give freely — water in the desert.

You call us to be partners in Your creation.
What have we done, O God?
What have we undone?

You call us now to action.
How will we respond?
What is our answer to your call?

Psalm 78:1-3, Matthew 21:28-32

May we be the ones of action;
may our response resound!

Grant us courage to let our voice be seen in the work of our hands.

May water again spring forth giving life to all the earth:
clean and uncluttered,
free and available to all.

You call us to be a people of action.

May your call inspire us
to lead the way,
to strike the rock that your justice might flow.

Amen.

Mark Bigland-Pritchard & Len Rempel (Canada), 2023. Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT). [Creative Commons: Attribution Non-Commercial 4.0 International \(CC BY-4.0\)](https://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0/)