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Each day we encounter a glimpse of heaven’s blue print. What if we are heaven’s blue print? It was the year 1990, I was celebrating my first as the minister of St. Matthew’s and St. Paul’s Anglican United Church. The community of faith had just moved into the former United Church that had plain clear glass windows. I had a conversation with my good friend Betty White who was a Sun Catcher artist. Remember sun catchers? They were once all the rage. I said to Betty “What if we take your talent as a Sun Catcher artist and extrapolate into a Stained glass window”. At first thought there was doubt. The Community of Faith jumped on board immediately, I created the first blue print, the first led to the second with the window themes being the images of the church year and then the images of the sacraments. At average cost of \$200/ window. They were completed with in two years. Each window was sponsored by a family in memory of another family member. Heaven’s blue print had been ignited in a small community.

We are heaven’s blue print, that is we are the sacred DNA created by God, where we hear the call to take the lead and become the core contributor. In some corners an artist, in the other corners in text from Isaiah we hear the words “Here is my servant”. The servant is called to struggle, to meet the transforming grace of God. The servant is called to be taken by the hand, to experience the God of redemption, the advocate in the song of the servant, in the words of today. God shows no partiality. All are invited into the waters of baptism in the credo of compassion.

In this moment of time we cross the threshold of a year. We laugh, we weep, we hope, we fear, and that’s the burden of the year. I recall the song “Seasons of Love” from the musical rent. 525,600 minutes, 525,000 moments so dear. 525, 600 minutes. How do you measure, measure a year? Music provokes an emotional response.

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In each moment and every response, we are confronted by the surprise of heaven’s blue print that brings us face to face with the unexpected.

Today In the gospel for John the Baptist. It was the Jesus saying, I need to be baptized!” Jesus came from Galilee to the river Jordan. We come from 2019 to 2020!

We are in our January days where we say “O winter! Frozen pulse and heart of fire.”

We look for the fire in the cold days of January. We hear the words God anointed Jesus of Nazareth. In these January days we are anointed by the gift of the great outdoors.

For many it is the game of hockey when a hat trick takes place, three goals are scored consecutively, similar to a grand slam in baseball.

The holy hat trick is born, when we discover that we are heaven’s blue print, we hear “here is my servant, I have taken you by the hand.” God shows no partiality. I need to be baptized by you, this is my beloved son, whom I am well pleased.”

We are the beloved child of God who repents, turns around and who is transformed.

We are transformed in the power of language, land and laughter.

The power of Greta Thunbergs’s language is changing how we perceive the blue print of heaven. Here is my servant, we are confronted by climate change.

We are to take a second look at Heaven’s Blue print.

In our lap is a plastic bag, the time is now to turn left, set aside the plastic, seize the moment. To proclaim, that a bruised reed will not break, bring forth justice for the planet for the community and remember We are the blue print of heaven, the gifts of creation. We become aware again of our interconnectivity. We are creatures that exist in service of each other.

We are creatures who witness the spirit of God descending like a dove into our hearts igniting the moment of our empowerment.

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We are the servant When we meet the Outdoor Tribe and reboot our credo
of Recycling. When we Listen for the genuine voice. Heaven’s Blueprint, here is
my servant.

We are heaven’s Blue Print. The seasons of love, in the 525,600 minutes in the
year.

This past year we saw the film, “Yesterday” that remind us of the legacy of the
rock star legends the Beatles. Speaking words of wisdom ; Let is be, let it be, Let
it be