

## Doing Things Backwards

Devotion for July 2017

Hymn: VU 216 Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:10

Reflection:

If you do read the devotion I am sure if you realize I do things backwards. I don't use the UC lectionary. An idea pops into my head, not always the greatest, and then I spend time, way too much time, trying to match hymns and scriptures to my blurb. Well, sometimes it actually works, and sometimes not. Currently we are bombarded with Canada at 150. Not always a pleasant 150 years to remember. Our ancestors build monuments to God, and most, if still here, are pretty much empty on Sunday mornings. Those ancestors would give a lot of credit to God for their survival, and now we have pretty much abandoned their God, at least on Sunday. Were they deceived, naive, afraid, or just really thankful? I have never been, but we are all aware of the phrase, "there are no atheists in the trenches". You know, I wonder if that holds true for those in the past who, struggled for survival, who fought every day for food, to protect their families, to build a country for us, and filled the pews every Sunday.

Discussion:

Well some of us still enter those monuments on Sunday mornings. Why? To give thanks, out of tradition or habit, to honour God, or just because? Something to talk about!

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Hymn: VU 226 For The Beauty Of The Earth

Prayer: Lord help us to remember who we are, how we got here and who created not only us, but our beautiful earth we inhabit. We thank you for who we are, where we are, and all you give to us. In Jesus name we pray