

## PRELUDE

## WELCOME

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND** (use #4)

For thousands of years, First Nations peoples have walked this land,  
weaving their identity and their spirituality intimately with the land.

**European colonisation came about in large part**

**because of the Doctrine of Discovery,**

**a flawed understanding that ignores Indigenous presence on the land.**

Affirming the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

and, therefore, repudiating the wrong of such a doctrine,

we begin our worship this morning by acknowledging

the unceded territory of the Saugeen Ojibwe.

**We are all Treaty people, parties to Crown Treaty 45 ½ in 1836.**

Keep us mindful of the covenants that have been made – and broken –  
with First Nations peoples.

**May we grow into living with respect on this land,**

**walking into reconciliation through peace and friendship,**

**while honouring all who live, work and worship on it.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

### **GOD GATHERS US**

## INTROIT

## LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

## CALL TO WORSHIP AND PRAYER OF APPROACH

*-modified from Deb Anderson Pratt for the 2020 Indigenous Day of Prayer*

We gather to share in the Creator's gift of abundant life for all.

**We come, fixing ourselves on you, Creator.**

Come into this space to have our hearts filled with God's endless love,  
to be inspired by the Spirit's wind for new hope in our living.

**We come that our souls may rise in faith while creating God's reign today.**

Come so the Spirit may pour over us through all our relations,

lifting our heads, brushing away our shadows and shining grace into our minds.

**We come to worship the Creator:**

**shaking off our shackles to join our hearts as one in Christ's freedom.**

Come, then, in gratitude as a community of faith,

seeking transformation as we encounter the Spirit's movement in prayer:

**Eternal God, you are our rock, the firm foundation upon which we build.**

**You give us bountiful gifts for the good of Creation.**

**Equip us to carry out the good works that follow the Way of Jesus.**

**Provide us with your wisdom, your guidance and your direction.**

**Remind us that everything we need is found in you. Amen.**

**\*VOICES UNITED 327** All Praise to Thee

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Silent Prayer)*

SHARING TIME Happiness is Helping Others

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(use #7)*

**God within us, God beyond us, God among us,**

**may the Mystery always be named and known**

**among all peoples and in all times.**

**May Creation give way to the rule of love and the power of life.**

**Satisfy our hunger, granting us a hunger to see the whole world fed.**

**Restore us to right relationship**

**with you, with Creation, with others, with ourselves.**

**Strengthen us to reject all that would lead us away from you.**

**Come to us when we choose death over life.**

**Give us courage to follow your call in this moment.**

For in your love we find the only power,  
the only home, the only honour we will ever need,  
in this life and the life to come. Amen.

### **GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD**

**BIBLE READING** Romans 6:12-18 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**VOICES UNITED** 642 Be Thou My Vision

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 10:40-42 from the paraphrase *The Message*

**DOXOLOGY** Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, and to the Holy Spirit.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
world without end. Amen.

**MEDITATION** Let's Get Creative!

### **GOD INVITES US TO RESPOND**

**COMMUNITY PRAYERS**

**OFFERING INVITATION AND OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)**

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We give these gifts back to you, O God,  
praying that you bless them for creatively transforming the world.  
We dedicate these gifts for the work of our family of faith,  
for serving human wholeness, for caring for our planet,  
for upholding spiritual integrity, for welcoming the stranger  
and for loving one another in Christ's name. Amen.

**\*MORE VOICES** 176 Three Things I Promise

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*SONG OF COMMITMENT** "Ameni" (sung twice) from #219 *More Voices*  
Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.  
Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni.

**POSTLUDE**