

**Shared Worship Service**  
**St. Paul's, Trinity United Churches in Bowmanville**  
**and Emmanuel United Church Peterborough**

**Indigenous Sunday**

June 21, 2020

Happy Father's Day

PRELUDE Drumming, Smudge, Amazing Grace

THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE CHURCH and LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

**Call To Worship:**

L: O God, our Creator, you bring us into being and you guide us throughout life. We are thankful that you have called us into this circle of worship today.

**A: We thank you for the teaching:**

**That we are to respect one another.**

**We thank you for the teaching:**

**That we are all equal in the circle of life.**

**We thank you for the teaching:**

**That we have been called to create "right relations" with each other.**

**Be with us as we share together your promises of wholeness and grow spiritually to honor all of your creation.**

L: We are thankful for this day. We are thankful to be in this circle of life with each other. Through Your sacredness, O God, we are made sacred. May we experience your presence through our sharing. Let us worship. (By Alf Dumont modified by Rev. B Ransom.)

OPENING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Creator, today we gather to:

Remember our history as people of this land,

Acknowledging how difficult it is for us to share this land with each other.

We also come acknowledging how difficult and challenged we become when we are asked to truly respect the ways of others.

We come today to seek your will, as we continue to grow in spirit. Help us to be humble, open, caring, and loving people. Help us share ourselves fully with each other, in Christ's name we pray, "Creator, in heaven....) (by Alf Dumont - Mandate May 2005, modified by Rev. B. Ransom)

## THEME CONVERSATION

**Hymn 154 MV Deep In Our Hearts**

FIRST READINGS: **Genesis 33:1-12**  
**Ephesians 4:25-32**

ANTHEM: TWIN FLAMES RECORDING

SECOND READING: **Mathew 5:23-24**

## FORMAL UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA APOLOGY

Apology made by The United Church of Canada to former Students of United Church Indian Residential Schools, and to Their Families and Communities. The apology was given on Oct. 27, 1998 by the Rt. Rev. Phipps (former moderator of The United Church of Canada)

REFLECTION: **"Apology Accepted? Let's Move On!"**

(Prayer of repentance and solidarity with Indigenous Peoples following Canada's Truth & Reconciliation Commission)

O God,

Great Spirit and Creator,

We praise you for your gifts that surround us –

For the gift of the land that gives us food, shelter and water;

For the gift of the sun that gives warmth and light to all that grows;

For the gifts of the moon and stars which you have arranged for your glory;

For the gifts of language and culture, through which your peoples praise you, and share the most deeply held values you have engraved on their hearts.

Come upon us, O Divine Healer and open our eyes –  
To the injustices brought against the Indigenous Peoples, their language and culture in Canada's Indian Residential Schools.

Give us repentant hearts –

That ache with sorrow for their violence against First Nations families and their children. Give us determined hearts –

That refuse to stand by when the dignity of our Indigenous brothers and sisters is trampled. Give us healing hearts –

That beat with the drum of Jesus' Gospel, to defend and honour our Indigenous neighbour, their language and way of life.

Give us flaming hearts –

That burn with love for you, who come to us

... in every human face

... in every language and culture ... in every gift of creation.

Make us stewards –

Of one another's dignity,

Of one another's safety,

Of one another's lands,

Of one another's right to a cultural identity: ... as unique peoples,

... as gifts to the human family,

... as your beloved children in Jesus. Amen

(By T. Cosentino,

Renfrew County CDSB, 2017)

### **Affirmation of Faith (In Unison)**

**All:**

**We are, all of us, Treaty People:**

**original inhabitants**

**and those who came later—**

**inheritors of a diverse history,**

**dwellers in a common land,  
travellers toward a better day.**

**We have known  
friendship and animosity,  
cooperation and oppression,  
blessing and pain.**

**And now we embrace  
the sacred covenant  
that heralds a new beginning:  
that softens the heart  
and dismantles the prisons of  
the present and the past.**

**We joyfully claim  
our rights and responsibilities  
as Treaty People.**

**Amen.**

*—Treaty People's Creed (2011), The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference*

INVITATION TO OFFERING  
OFFERING and SPIRITUAL OFFERING  
OFFERATORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**\*HYMN: MV 169**  
Divides

When Hands Reach Out Beyond

**Commissioning** (Cheyenne Prayer)  
Let us go knowing peace,  
For as long as the moon shall rise,  
For as long as the rivers shall flow,  
For as long as the sun shall shine,  
For as long as the grass shall grow,

Let us know peace.

### **Benediction**

Let us go in the name who created us all,

In the Love Jesus Christ,

And with the power of the Holy Spirit leading us to Love and right relation with all of God's creation. Amen

*Postlude*

*Minister: All the Congregations*

### **Service leaders:**

Message and prayers: Rev. Bryan Ransom

Organist: Doug Dewell

Introduction and Welcome: Roberta Youngs-Ransom

Drummer: Pearl Gabona (Métis)

Drumming Circle: All Our Relations Métis Drum Circle

Children's Conversation: Brenda McNaughton

Scripture Reader: Brenda McNaughton

Prayers of the People and Smudge: Marilyn Robitaille

Solo - *Heal the World* and Spiritual Offering: Andrew Jackson

Video Editing: Blaise Robitaille (Métis)

*With thanks to St. Paul's United Church, Bowmanville, Circle of Indigenous Friends and Advocates*

Credits:

Amazing Grace: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeXd9IhxZp8&feature=youtu.be)

[v=XeXd9IhxZp8&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeXd9IhxZp8&feature=youtu.be)

Heal the World by Michael Jackson

Leave the Porchlight On – Twin Flames

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### **Prayer for Reflection during the week**

"Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind,

Whose breath gives life to all the world.

Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.  
Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice

Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me.

Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf & rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts & act with the intention of helping others.

Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy -  
Myself.

Make me always ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, my spirit may come to you without shame.

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