

Covenant

The United Church of Canada

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people

October 15, 2017, 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Acknowledgement of Land
(An act towards reconciliation)

Gathering

ENTRY INTO CELEBRATION

The gong is sounded three times

- L O God source of all life..
P You are with us always
L You reveal yourself as a seed
P That we may taste, be nourished and grow in you.
L You reveal yourself as water.
P That we may be softened and cleansed by you.
L You reveal yourself as earth
P That we may be nurtured and grounded in you
L You reveal yourself as wind
P That we may be touched and inspired by you
L You reveal yourself as fire
P That we may be refined and energized by you
L You reveal yourself as a child
P That we may wonder with amazement at your wisdom
and beauty. We are your people, God. We come to worship

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

Jesus said, I am the light of the world

HYMN: Called by Earth and Sky

MV 135

OPENING SENTENCES

God you create life

out of simple things, like soil, water, sunlight and seeds.
You catch our attention
with sunrises, sunsets and butterflies
You hold our hearts
in cupped hands that are the shape of lovers,
families, of communities.
You move our spirits
like a breeze, like flowing water, like nighttime turning to day
You are all that we need
to live with dignity, justice, wellness, and fulfillment
Help us to feel your embrace and care in every precious
moment and place.

HYMN: For The Beauty of the Earth

VU 226

PRAYERS OF AWARENESS

Friends, food is at the heart of our way of living, of our families and of our relationships in community. How we grow, share and eat food is important to all of us. How much we grow, share and eat is also key. It affects our health, the health of the planet and justice in the world. In our worship together, we explore what the Bible tells us, as well as hear about courageous principles that can help us sort out the best way we can live faithfully, with food and in relationships, in God's world. Amen

Centering

Silence and Music of reflection

Exploring

READINGS FROM OUR BROAD RELIGIONS TRADITION

Exodus 16:13-30

Acts 4, 32-37

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN: We Plough the fields

VU 520

Bulletin Covers from Joy Galloway

Affirming & Celebrating

PRAYERS

PRESENTATION OUR OFFERINGS

Invitation to offering

HYMN: WHAT CAN I DO?

MV 191

**Bountiful and gracious God
we share what you have given us
with love, joy, and commitment,
that your love may root and grow,
wherever needed in the world.
Amen**

Scattering

HYMN: I See a New Heaven

VU 713

PARTING WORDS

Generous and loving God, we thank-you for your blessings
The community candle is extinguished

WORDS OF BLESSING

As we return to our daily lives,
may our thoughts be prayerful,
our prayers be actions
and our actions be seeds of blessing
in God's world

Amen

GO NOW IN PEACE

A worship service by Margaret Tusz-King