



Covenant

The United Church of Canada

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people

26 May 2019
Easter 6^c

Acknowledgement of Land
(An act towards reconciliation)

Gathering

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

The gong is sounded three times

Each morning we are thankful
for the night just ended,
for the years that have been,
and for the day that is. *(Kenneth Patton/hscf)*

LET US CELEBRATE THE RICHNESS AND DIVERSITY OF LIFE.

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

HYMN: HALLE, HALLE, HALLE

VU 958

CELEBRATING CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HYMN: WE ARE MARCHING

VU 646

OPENING SENTENCES

It is time.

The joy of the God, Spirit of Life, be with you all.

And also with you.

It is time

for pausing and celebrating,

for thinking and thanking,

for listening and learning,

for confessing and forgiving.

A time for allowing ourselves

to be loved and cherished by a lover

who will never leave us or forsake us.

PRAYER OF AWARENESS

We receive fragments of holiness,

glimpses of eternity,

brief moments of insight.

Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they

are and, renewed by their grace,

move boldly into the unknown. *(Sara M Campbell/slt)*

Centering

Silence and Music of Reflection

Exploring

READINGS FROM A BROAD RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Buddhism: “May Every Creature Abound”
The Buddha. From **Life Prayers**/29.

Progressive Judaism: “In the Beginning...”
Rabbi Arthur Waskow. The Shalom Centre. From **Life Prayers**/14.

Muslim: (i) “Examples of the Prophet Muhammad’s sayings”
From **A Brief Guide to Understanding Islam**/50.

Traditional Christian Scriptures:
Luke 6: 20-21, 24-25 *(Inclusive Text)*

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN: CALLED BY EARTH AND SKY

MV 135

Affirming & Celebrating

PRAYERS

OUR OFFERINGS

PRESENTATION **SPIRIT, OPEN MY HEART** **MV 79**

**We give these gifts as an act of celebration.
We celebrate our own new life, and the worldwide
proclamation of the good news to all people,
everywhere. AMEN.**

Scattering

HYMN: RIVER RUNNING IN YOU AND ME

MV 163

PARTING WORDS

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges
of our lives and our world...

The Community Candle is extinguished

Remembering that the universe is much larger
than our ability to comprehend,
**let us go from this time together with the resolve
to allow wonder - that sense of what is sacred -
to find space to open up our minds
and illumine our lives.** *MLeaming*

WORDS OF BLESSING

And now may the rhythms of our coming together,
the melodies of our worship,
and the harmonies of our farewells,
make musical our living,
soothing our spirits
and uplifting our souls,
This day and into the beckoning future. *(RS Gilbert)*
Amen. May it be so.

SUNG RESPONSE: OH A SONG MUST RISE

MV 142

Bulletin Covers
thanks to David Krupka