

# Covenant

*The United Church of Canada*

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people



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Creation 2<sup>c</sup>

Acknowledgement of Land  
*(An act towards reconciliation)*

## OPENING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, Breath of Life, move in Creation, blow us about, fill the world with new possibilities. New Life! As we share in story and in song, we ask that our words and our breath, might mingle with your Breath, and be healing for the world. Amen.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HYMN: JESUS LOVES ME

VU 365

## *Gathering*

### ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

*The gong is sounded three times*

Oxygen. Carbon dioxide. Traces of other gases. All around us. The air we breathe. Deep within us. The ancients believed... that the air was divine breath. Holy Spirit. And when it moved, we would be “in-Spirited.” Inspired. Given Life! Let us breathe deep into our bodies, filling our lungs with the air that gives life! Let us breathe deep into our souls, filling ourselves with the Spirit that gives life! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

### LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

### MUSIC:

## *Centering*

Silence and Music of Reflection

# Exploring

## READINGS FROM OUR BROAD RELIGIOUS TRADITION

### Psalm 14

VU 735

The foolish say, "There is no God."

### Luke 15:1–10

The parables of the lost sheep and the lost coin.

## CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

### HYMN: OVER MY HEAD

MV88

# Affirming & Celebrating

## PRAYERS

### OUR OFFERINGS

Our offerings for the celebration of life in this place and beyond, shall now be received.

### PRESENTATION WHAT CAN I DO?

MV 191

May our hearts be opened, our hands unclenched,  
and our ears unclogged, that we may  
feel and touch and taste and see  
the breath and play of Creativity God around us.

# Scattering

### HYMN: WHEN LONG BEFORE TIME

VU 248

### PARTING WORDS

The presentness of God reaches beyond this place...  
*The Community Candle is extinguished*

Remembering again the elements – storm and the  
silence...

Will you care for Planet Earth?

**We will wonder at the elements around us.**

**We will protect those of our fauna kin.**

**We will empathise with the Oceans.**

**We will be sensitive to the cries of creation.**

**We will celebrate life!**

### BLESSING WORDS

May God the starmaker cradle and circle you.

May God the storyteller beckon and encourage you.

May God the life changer challenge you and cherish you.

May you walk in the light of God's love and laughter

all the moments of your nights and days. *(Ruth Burgess/bb)*

All **Amen! May it be so!**

### SUNG RESPONSE: