



Covenant

The United Church of Canada

a safe place for all people to worship

Ministers: the people
and Rev. Cindy Désilets

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Pentecost 23^e

Gathering

For thousands of years Indigenous people have walked
in this land, on their own country.
Their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives.
We acknowledge them, past, present, and emerging leaders,
and their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

The gong is sounded three times

HYMN: THIS IS THE DAY

VU 412

ENTRY INTO THE CELEBRATION

We gather here as the human ones of creation.
We name ourselves threads in the web of life.
We give thanks for connection,
that we are all part of one another
and that we are part of the sacred *(StAndrew's, Auckland)*.
So let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

LIGHTING OF THE COMMUNITY CANDLE

The candle is lit

OPENING SENTENCES

- ^{v1} The choices we make craft us
into who we are becoming.
^{v2} Whether good or ill,
it is what comes from within
that tells of who we are.

**As we gather this morning,
may we sense the immense import of that reality,
^{v1} and find, deep within ourselves,
the power to create,
to birth ourselves into being** *(Adapt.GVosper/ab)*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HYMN: I AM A CHILD OF GOD

MV 157

ACT OF AWARENESS

**The thought manifests as the word.
The word manifests as the deed.
The deed develops into habit.
And habit harden into character.
So watch the thought and its ways with care.
And let it spring from love
born out of concern for all beings** *(The Buddha/lp)*.

HYMN:

Centering

Silence and Music of Reflection

Exploring

READINGS FROM OUR BROAD RELIGIOUS TRADITION

Isaiah 65:17–25 God shall create joy and delight; the wolf and the lamb together.

Isaiah 12 Make God's deeds known to the nations. VU 880

2 Thessalonians 3:6–13 Do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5–19 Persecution in the days to come; trust God!

CONTEMPORARY EXPLORATION

HYMN:

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to God, do not be afraid;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

TAIZÉ

Affirming & Celebrating

PRAYERS

OUR OFFERINGS FOR THE GIFT OF CREATION

VU 538

PRESENTATION

We are called to make real the sharing of
the gifts God has given to us.
We offer what we have for the good of all.

Scattering

HYMN: LIKE THE MURMUR OF THE DOVE'S SONG VU 205

WORDS OF MISSION

The God we worship is never confined to this holy place.
So go and travel with the God
who is found in ordinary and surprising places.
The community candle is extinguished
May the quality of our lives be our benediction.
And a blessing to all whom we touch. *(PRGiles)*

BLESSING WORDS

Fall in love with living
Wrestling with the chaos and the pain
Within ourself and within the world.

Join the celebration of life,
Dancing with the angels and the clowns.
And may the God of peace and joy,
Who is continually making all things new,
Embrace you
As a partner
In the divine creating *(JBoyce-Tillman/wb)*.
Amen!

SUNG RESPONSE

MV 219

Bulletin Covers from
Jason Galloway