

St. Paul's United Church - Sunday, May 15, 2022

Red Dress Project

Remembering Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women



Minister: Rev. Karen Ptolemy-Stam

Music Director: Victoria Warwick

Readers: Gabriella Dell, Sandra Flint

**Guest Indigenous Women: Bonnie Sheriff,
Lorraine LaCroix**

Singers: Tim McNabb, Rebecca Amadei

**Tech Team: Glenn Erwin, Rick Dell, Catherine Ladouceur,
Bruce Wilcox**



WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO THE GATHERED

OPENING PRAYER: read by Gabriella Dell. Used in the Our Sisters in Spirit Worship service:

St John's Anglican Church 3428 Portage Rd. Niagara Falls

We offer ourselves to you, O God our Creator.

We offer our hands. Use our healing touch to comfort sisters, brothers and children who are afraid.

We offer our eyes and ears. May we see and hear the signs and stories of violence, death so all my have someone with them in their pain and confusion.

We offer our hearts and our tears as their hurt and sorrow echo within us.

May we help to bring peace and healing as we share this time of remembrance together.

We offer our anger. Make it a passion for justice.

We offer all our skills. Use our gifts to end violence against our Indigenous women and girls.

We offer our faith, our hope, and our love.

May our encounters with violence, death, and missing Sisters bring us closer to you and to each other. All this we ask through Jesus Christ who knows the pain of violence and death. Amen

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OPENING HYMN: MV #79 "Spirit Open My Heart" sung by Rebecca Amadei

Refrain: Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.

As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving, Spirit, open my heart.

1. God, replace my stony heart with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear to your grace I now surrender.
2. Write your love upon my heart as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word and deed, may my living bring you glory.

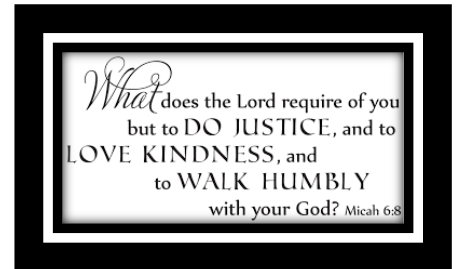
Refrain:

3. May I weep with those who weep, share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ, may we welcome one another.

Refrain:

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE/MEMORIAL CANDLE AND FIRST NATIONS' CANDLES

SCRIPTURE READING: Micah 6:8; Revelation 21:1-6,
John 13:34,35 read by Sandra Flint



SERMON:

REMINDER ABOUT GIVING OF OUR GIFTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER read by Gabriella Dell, from Communion Liturgy: Adapted by Rev. Dr. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne from The Africana Worship Book, Year C, UMC Discipleship Resources 2008 and a litany prepared by the Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor, Henriette Thompson and a Sacred Circle advisory group, September 2015

CLOSING HYMN: VU #598 "When Pain of the World Surrounds Us" Sung by Tim McNabb, Music Director from Halifax Lutheran Church. Used with this congregation's permission and under our License number.

When pain of the world surrounds us with darkness and despair,
when searching just confounds us with false hopes ev 'rywhere
when lives are starved for meaning and destiny is bare,
we are called to follow Jesus and let God's healing flow through us.

We see with fear and trembling our aching world in need,
confessing to each other our wastefulness and greed.
May we with steadfast caring the hungry children feed.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's justice flow through us.

The church is a holy vessel the living waters fill
to nourish all the people, God's purpose to fulfill.
May we with humble courage be open to God's will.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's Spirit flow through us.

We praise you for our journey and your abundant grace,
your saving word that guided a struggling human race.
O God, with all creation, your future we embrace.
We are called to follow Jesus and let God's changes flow
through us.

Words and music by Jim Strathdee (1941)

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RED DRESS PROJECT AT ST. PAUL'S VIDEO by Glenn Erwin

