

Sacred Dialogue

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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin. We acknowledge that the land on which St. Paul's United Church is located is the traditional land of the Wendat and Anishinaabe First Nations.

Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous People from across Turtle Island, including Metis and our neighbours on Christian Island, Beausoleil First Nation. We are grateful to have the opportunity to worship and work on this land. We are all Treaty people.

As we gather, we give thanks for the life and witness of First Nations people. We give thanks for the land, the creatures, and the plants who share this place with all of us.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope. Chi-Meegwetch

Call to Worship

We come into this sacred space to worship Abba, our Father.

We come seeking sanctuary for our souls and for our hearts.

Connected in person or on-line, may we know faith-filled community with one another.

As people of this faith family, we come for divine nurture.

Come, then, to seek connection with God through the intimacy of sacred prayer:

We come, O God, yearning for communion with Your restorative Spirit. When our energy and our enthusiasm for life wane, recharge our will so that we may reach out into the world. When we question and doubt, immerse our souls within Your wisdom and Your guidance. When we worry and wonder ceaselessly, calm our heart, settle our minds, and free our dreams. In our praying, in our engaging with scripture, and in our singing, may we be restored, renewed, and replenished into the Way of Jesus. Amen.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Louise Leck

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer: As we light this Christ Candle,

may it be a reminder, that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response: MV# 62 There is Room for All

There is room for all in the shadow of God's wing

There is room for all sheltered in God's love

And I rejoice and sing, "my refuge and my rock, in whom I trust

There is room for all, there is room for all.

Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: VU# 567 Will You Come and Follow Me

Listening

Theme Conversation: Prayer

The Story: Luke 10: 38-42 **Reader: Fran Hill**

Reflection Chorus: MV# 172 v1 God Says

God says, "Be still so you may hear
the words I whisper in your ear.
If you will listen you will know
I'm with you always where you go."

Sermon: Sacred Dialogue

Responding

Life and Work of the Church

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Selection by Victoria Warwick

Offertory Response: VU# 537

Your Work O God Needs Many Hands

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader: Louise Leck**

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: MV# 135 Called By Earth and Sky

Blessing

Closing: She Walked in the Summer V4

Postlude