

Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What is your favourite hymn or song about nature?

Gathering Song: Gather In

Gather in
create community
where we unite with our diversity.
Gather in
we will live out the call
for acceptance and justice as we welcome all.

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.

This week we offer strength to Indigenous people across the country working with their communities as they heal from their addictions. It is a complicated and difficult problem that many non-Indigenous communities are struggling with also.

We hold those who have died, gently in our hearts.

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

Call to Worship

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!**

Let us worship here together
in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: Marlis Dupuis

Lighting of Christ Candle

- **Prayer:** As we light this Christ Candle,
may it be a reminder, that Christ is us and in our world.
- **Sung Response: May I Share**
May I share God's peace with you?
That His love may see us through
all the joys and trials of a life in his care.
May I share what I know to be true?
May I share God's peace with you

Peace of Christ

Song of Praise: VU#509 "Here I Am, Lord"

Listening

Theme Conversation:

The Story: Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17

Reader: Sharon Foster

Sermon:

Song for Reflection:

VU#271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)**Offering of Thanksgiving****Offertory Music:**

"Though I May Speak" sung by members of Bay Sound VIVO

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader: Marlis Dupuis**

Going Forth**Song for the Journey:**

VU#410 "This is the Day God Gives Me"

Extinguishing of the Candles**Blessing****Closing: Spirit God Be Our Breath vs. 4**

Spirit God: be our breath, be our song. Blow through us, bringing strength to move on. Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn... Spirit God, be our song.

Postlude

Praying with Creation



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