

Approaching Thanksgiving



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What is the name of God that resonates most in your life?

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 acknowledge the complexity of living into our treaty agreements. Mining, logging, fishing and hunting rights, continue to be points of tension between provincial and national governments, and First Nations communities.

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

Call to Worship

Earth.

The foundation upon which we stand.

Loam.

A place of growth, of nourishment, of life!

Dirt.

A place of work, a place of play —

Of a parent saying, "Come in and get cleaned up!"

Earth. Loam. Dirt. Land. Sacred. Holy.

Ever strong and ever changing.

Filled with God's love,

Let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: Terry MacPherson

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

Listening

Theme Conversation:

Book - Life Author: Cynthia Rylant Illustrator: Brendan Wenzel

Song of Praise: MV#82 Bathe Me In Your Light

The Story: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17 Reader: Gerry Payne

Sermon:

Song for Reflection: VU#268 Bring Many Names

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Choir

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People Reader: Terry MacPherson **Going Forth**

Song for the Journey: MV#45 You Are Holy

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