

Thanksgiving Sunday



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What is a specific thing, event, or person that you are grateful for today?

Song of Praise: VU#227 For the Fruit of All Creation

Acknowledgement of the Land

Ahniin (Welcome), We acknowledge that the land changing seasons around us, 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, as we reflect on the bounty of the land that we share, we consider also the need to share the work to preserve and protect it together.

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

Action: Change is Possible

Call to Worship

We are here today

With grateful hearts

With grateful minds

With grateful bodies

So let us worship with heart, mind, and all the strength in our bodies

Let us worship Creator today

in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Action: Prayer of Approach

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

The Story: Deuteronomy 8:1-18 Reader: Sheila Thompson

Thanksgiving Conversations

Gratitude for Challenges

Song: VU#224 Sing a Happy Hallelujah verse 1

What is a challenge that you have learned from?

Gratitude for the Land

Song: VU#224 verse 2

What is your favourite thing about this place (church, town, area)?

Gratitude Forgotten

Song: VU#224 verse 3

What could make you forget to be grateful?

Gratitude Remembered

Song: VU#224 verse 4

What are ways that you show your gratitude?

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music: Song of Joyful Thanks

Offertory Response: VU#538 For the Gift of Creation

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Reader: Peggy Wallace

Going Forth

Song for the Journey:

VU#236 Now Thank We All Our God

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing:

Amen VU#974

Postlude