

World Food Sunday



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St. Paul's United Church
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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Welcome

Check In: What's one way you think globally but act locally?

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, as we think about the food we grow and how we share it so that all may thrive, we remember the traditional "three sisters:" corn, beans, and squash. When grown together, each plant offers something to the other helping them to be more productive. These plants formed a large part of the diet for millennia across Turtle Island.

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

Call to Worship

God, You blessed all creatures of the Earth
and declared your creation good.

We pray, God, do it again!

God, you delivered your people and gave them liberty.

We pray, God, do it again!

You gave food to the hungry and sight to the blind.

We pray, God, do it again!

As we join in worship this morning,

**We pray, God, remind us of the rain
that comes after the drought
to fill our lives with blessing.**

Filled with God's love,

Let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Fran Hill

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

Theme Conversation

Song of Praise: VU#519 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Listening

Scripture Reader: Paul van der Wel

Speaker: Christina Philips

Song for Reflection: MV#37 Each Blade of Grass

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: Fran Hill

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#520 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Amen

Postlude