

All Souls Day



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional: 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.

Welcome
Check In

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 remember all of those who have gone before, we give thanks, along with First Nations, Inuit, and Metis communities, for the success of the campaign to repatriate sacred items from the Vatican Museum to Canada. This return will help people to connect even more deeply with their past and celebrate their cultures in the present.

We commit ourselves to walking in a new way together: a path of healing and hope.
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Call to Worship

We gather to praise our God.

The One who created everything; the One who keeps faith with us.

We gather to follow Jesus.

Who comes to build justice on the ruins of despair; who comes to set us free from our fears.

We gather to listen to the Holy Spirit.

Who teaches us to care for the most vulnerable; who shows us how to see the forgotten in our midst.

Therefore, filled with God's love,
let us worship Creator today in beloved community

Where all of us belong.

Opening Prayer Reader: Barb Carswell

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

Stories for All Ages: Who Sang the First Song by Ellie Holcomb

Song of Praise: VU#705 For All the Saints vs. 1,2,3, &6

Scripture Reader: **Charlie Carswell**

Sermon: Listening: even when it is hard to hear.

Song for Reflection: MV#169 When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides

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

Communion:

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

This is God's table for the Beloved of God

God invites us all to this Holy feast

We are all Beloved of God

Here, our hearts are fed love and grace.

And so, we lift our hearts to our God.

Here, in the silence and scriptures, in the word and the wonder, we are called to praise our God.

And so, we join our voices in songs of thanksgiving to our God.

Then, God spoke, 'go now,' and creation rushed forth into the emptiness of chaos,
as beauty was brushed on butterflies' wings, goodness was poured into tumbling waters,
joy tumbled through desert lands, hope graced the sunrises with glory.

All this and so, so much more was offered to those shaped in your image,

God of love, hope, and peace,

but we wanted more, and more, and turned to destructive ways.

You whispered to some of us, 'go now,'

so prophets and poets came with your words of welcome to call us back to you,

but we were too eager to embrace foolishness, and pushed them aside.

So that we might know of your hopes and love for us, you whispered to your Child,

'go now,' so that glory might transfigure into grace.

With those who picked us up when we had fallen, with those who seek to keep

faith with you, we join in offering our praise:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who overturns the world.

All creation trusts you and offers exultant praise. Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who was eager to be with us. Hosanna in the highest!

Though holy as you, Eternal God, Jesus set it to one side,

so we might know of your hope. Born into economic scarcity,

Christ offers us the abundance of your grace;

living among people oppressed by power,

Christ builds the foundation of justice for all;

knowing what it is like to be rejected,

Christ offers a welcome to all outsiders;

experiencing the hunger pangs of loneliness,

Christ calls each of beloved;

Daring to challenge worldly power, Christ is placed in death's cold cell,

where your resurrection power sets him free, as the same promise is made to us.

As we seek to live as he did, watching and learning from those too easily dismissed by our society, together we declare that mystery we call faith:

Jesus died, trusting God in that moment;

Jesus has been raised, and will never die again;

Jesus will come, opening our eyes to your resurrection love.

'Come now,' you invite us, God of the feast,

as you pour out your Spirit on us and the bread and the cup.

All we need is a morsel of the broken bread to strengthen us and send us

to feed the hungry and build justice,

to open the eyes of those who never notice suffering, to lift others back to their feet.

All we need is a sip of the cup's grace to be willing and empowered to go out

to set free all the captives of cruelty,

to offer a warm heart to those who know only cold shoulders,

to share hope, love, and peace to everyone we meet.

And when all time and history has come to an end

and you gather us from all generations around that Table of life and grace,

we will sing our praises to you,

God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Gifts of God for the People of God

Sending

'Go now,' God says to us in this moment.

We will go to share from our abundance with all who live in scarcity's shadows.

'Go now to serve,' Jesus challenges us in this moment.

We will join in building neighbourhoods of justice, in keeping faith with all who have been forgotten.

'Go now to understand,' the Spirit urges us in this moment.

We will go to watch, and learn from those who welcome outsiders into their lives.

Going Forth

Song for the Journey: VU#477 I Come With Joy

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing: Amen

Postlude