

Here I Stand! Lent 4



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Gathering and Preparation

Prelude

Processional

God, Prepare Me

**God, prepare me to be a sanctuary
pure and holy, tried and true
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You**

Welcome

Check In

Talk about a poem you like.

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 celebrate the wisdom and accomplishment of people like Innu poet and elder Josephine Bacon. She has found a way to incorporate all her knowledge and understanding of all that she is into her work.

She says, "For example, if it's about the land, it naturally comes to me in Innu-aimun. If it's about a park, it will be in French."

This integration of knowledge, experience, and language gives her a unique worldview.

"Today, you have to go very, very far to reach the land, because of industrial activity," she says. "That distance though is shrunk by indigenous literature, documentaries and her poetry. 'I think the new generation is becoming more conscious of the land. As the land seems to shrink, they become more aware.'

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

Call to Worship

In Jesus' name, welcome!

First-time participant or one who's been here many days;

child or elder or somewhere in-between;

stewards, caretakers, disciples of Jesus, children of God—

neighbours all, loved and loving.

Welcome. Welcome in Christ's name!

Opening Prayer

Reader: Murray Lockhart

Lighting of Christ Candle

Prayer As we light this Christ Candle,
may it remind us that Christ is in us and in our world.

Sung Response Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery v4 VU121
**Gentle Jesus, mighty Spirit,
Come inflame our hearts anew,
we may all your joy inherit
If we bear the cross with you,
If we bear the cross with you.**

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages Never Alone

Song of Praise VU4 God of All Places

Listening

Scripture John 18:28-40 NRSVUE **Reader: Carolyn Hendry**

Sermon Here I Stand

Song for Reflection It is Well With My Soul (Anthem)

Life and Work of the Church (Announcements)

Offering of Thanksgiving

Offertory Music MV169 When Hands Reach Out

Offertory Response VU542 We Give You But Your Own
**We give you but your own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone, we give it gratefully**

Celebrations and Concerns

Prayers of the People **Reader Murray Lockhart**

Song for the Journey VU647 Travel On, Travel On

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing Chorus

May the Christ Who Walks on Wounded Feet

Postlude