

The Story of Ruth Beginning

BEGINNING

**WORSHIP
@ST. PAUL'S
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Preparation

Prelude

Processional **As the Wind Song**

Welcome

Check In What is your one thing?

Acknowledgement of the Land and Commitment to Reconciliation

Ahniin, We acknowledge that St. Paul's United Church is located on 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, Chimnissing - 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 upcoming Pow Wow season. May all the dancers, singers, drummers, craftspeople, and host communities be blessed in their gatherings.

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

Call to Worship

Let us pray together.

God, by whatever name we call You, and however we experience You in our individual lives, as we begin today, open our hearts to notice your voice.

In the song of birds, in the rustle of leaves, in the warmth of the sun and the gentle rain.

In the wisdom of other peoples and cultures.

In our own longing for connection and Oneness.

Thank you for this time of prayer, reflection and learning.

We come ready and grateful to receive Your Word.

We come ready to celebrate Your presence among us,

Together we become beloved community.

Opening Prayer

Reader: Sharon Whiteside

Creator, in love and through love, you have called all things into being. We thank you for

mother earth, our home. We thank you for the heavens that watch over us and the starlight that warms and guides us. We thank you for all the plants—for those that are medicine, for those that nourish us, for those that express your delight through their beauty and diversity. We thank you for all of our fellow creatures; may we share this earth with them in respect, with reverence. We thank you for soil, water, fire, air; for forests, plains, and mountains, deserts and tundra and oceans. And now, when so much of the world is threatened with destruction, help us to walk in humility with gratitude among all these sacred gifts from you.

We thank you for being a God of liberation, for you are ever seeking to bring us into the joy of your salvation; into a just, equitable, and holistic celebration of life.

We thank you for your compassion, which holds each and every one of us. We thank you for coming to us as Jesus, our teacher, brother, and friend—for dying on the cross and breaking the power of death in order to bring us back into harmony with you and all of Creation

All: Creator, thank you for your truth and wisdom, and for inviting us to travel the healing path with you; we offer you our hearts and minds so that we might embody your grace and share your blessings with all who live upon the earth. Amen

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 A Light is Gleaming

Peace of Christ

Stories for All Ages: Pops for Pops

Song of Praise VU#299 Teach Me God To Wonder

Listening

Scripture Ruth 4 **Reader: Sharon Foster**

Sermon Beginning

Song for Reflection VU#308 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

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: **Reader: Sharon Whiteside**

Song for the Journey: MV#156 Dance ith The Spirit

Extinguishing of the Candles

Blessing

Closing Chorus: MV#214 Sheltering Wings

Postlude