

The Story of Ruth Loyalty

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Preparation

Prelude

Processional **As the Wind Song**

Welcome

Check In **Who is/was your "ride or die?"**

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 reflect on the importance of names, especially incorporating or using traditional names. For example, Beausoleil Island is now also officially known as Bimadinaagogi (meaning "a ridge extending and growing along"). According to Parks Canada, "The island serves as a place of memory, illustrating the Anishinaabeg's deep relationship with the land and recalling both their enduring presence and the impacts of displacement in Southern Ontario. The evolving landscape of the island bears witness to this history, with evidence of ancient camps and its brief use as a reserve in the mid-19th century, a time when the Anishinaabeg sought to preserve their traditions while adapting to the pressures of rapidly expanding Euro-Canadian settlement.

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

Call to Worship

God, whose imagination saw all that is good, beautiful, and loving,
continues to see us as beloved children in the divine family.

The Word which called forth the stars in every universe,
speaks to us today of giving ourselves through the baptismal life.

The Spirit, which moved over creation, breathing life into all things,
fills us with peace and patience, with hope and healing to share.

So let us celebrate God's presence

Together we become beloved community.

Opening Prayer**Reader: Gerry Payne****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 Here in this place, the light of God, my soul finds repose:
Holy space, the heartbeat of God, My soul finds a home

Peace of Christ**Stories for All Ages:****Being a Good Friend****Song of Praise**

MV# 216 Wherever You May Go

Listening**Scripture**

Ruth 1:1-22

Reader: Murray Lockhart**Sermon****Loyalty****Song for Reflection**

Pie Jesu

Duet Isabelle MacKell and Sophie Charlebois**Life and Work of the Church** (Announcements)

Video: Our Doors are Open (National Accessibility Week)

Offering of Thanksgiving**Offertory Music**

Selection by Victoria Warwick

Offertory Response

VU#541 Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures high and low.
Give thanks to God in love made known,
Creator, Word, and Spirit One.

Celebrations and Concerns**Prayers of the People****Reader : Gerry Payne**

Song for the Journey VU# 603 In Loving Partnership We Come
(tune He Leadeth Me)

Extinguishing the Candles

Blessing

Closing VU#958 Halle Halle Halle

Postlude