



SYDENHAM STREET AND CHALMERS

UNITED CHURCHES OF CANADA

SHARING WORSHIP



In August of 2012, at the 41st General Council, The United Church of Canada acknowledged the presence and spirituality of Aboriginal peoples in the United Church by revising the church's crest. The crest changes include incorporating the colours often associated with the Aboriginal Medicine Wheel. The Medicine Wheel, which reflects respect for diversity and interdependence, is often represented in the four traditional colours of yellow, red, black, and white, which incorporate important teachings from the four directions, the four stages of life, and the four seasons.

The placement of these colours will vary according to the traditions of the nation. The Medicine Wheel teaches us to seek balance in the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual aspects of the circle of life. The crest changes also include the addition of the Mohawk phrase "Akwe Nia'Tetewá:neren" [aw gway-- nyah day day waw-- nay renh], which means "All my relations."

INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

"TELLING OUR STORIES, LISTENING FOR TRUTH"

10:30 am June 16, 2019

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Open: 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, Mon. - Thurs.

Since time immemorial, Indigenous peoples have occupied and cared for this land. In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

June and July Services are at Sydenham St United Church, 82 Sydenham St.

August Services are at Chalmers United Church, 212 Barrie St.

Assists Hearing Devices and Large Print Bulletins, available from Greeters

Growing Spirits Children are invited to meet with Lynn Freeman in the Conference Room, First Floor, when prompted. In June, National Indigenous History Month, we are sharing stories on the Seven Grandfather Teachings of the Anishinaabe peoples and related crafts. Our children's program will continue until Sunday, June 23rd. Beginning on Sunday, June 30th and continuing until Sunday, September 2nd inclusive, craft materials will be set out on a table in the sanctuary. Children may quietly engage with the materials at the table or take some supplies back to their pews.

Washrooms are in the office foyer area through the right front doors of the Sanctuary.

Song Books *VU Voices United* *MV More Voices*

Ringers Off on electronic devices, please. Thank you.

Prayers of the People Prayer requests for persons ill (with permission) and for global, national and local concerns may be given to a Greeter at the front door.

CHURCHES

Sydenham Street United Church as an Affirming Congregation seeks to be a vital faith community within The United Church of Canada engaged in spirituality, justice and creativity, informed by Jesus Christ and the Bible, and discerning the call of the Trinity as we celebrate diversity, inclusivity and abundant life.

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Chalmers United Church is a community of God's people who embrace Christian tradition and encourage new ideas. We gather to: Celebrate God's love; Search and be challenged; Nurture and be nurtured. We seek to: Welcome all who come; engage all ages in Ministry; be guided by faith in daily life; and be a compassionate, hopeful presence in the world. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. (1997)

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Live Online when at the 212 Barrie St. Chalmers location. 10:30 am Sundays
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OFFICE HOURS

Chalmers and Sydenham St Church House Office: Mon to Thurs 9:30am-4:30pm

The Spire/SSUC Office: Monday to Friday 9 am to noon

For bulletin materials please use: <bulletin@chalmers-sydenhamstreet.com>

INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

**"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors,
we borrow it from our children"** – Haida Gwaii saying

☞ indicates you are invited to rise in body and spirit as you are able

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

LISTENING

**LISTENING FOR THE HEARTBEAT OF THE WORLD – SISTERS OF THE DRUM
FOUR COLOURS OF MEDICINE WHEEL** (*brought forward*) Rosemary MacLachlan

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND Lynn Freeman

INTROIT

seated **MV 39** *Each Blade of Grass*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

**We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all.
We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep
wisdom, and deep love.**

**With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek
transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is
always moving.**

☞ **VU 308** *Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works*

CENTERING PRAYER

**Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by
a legacy of pain.**

**We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living
respectfully with all people,
and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured
the depths of this pain.**

**Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness:
Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories;
Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability,
shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions
with each other; And with your healing grace,
lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness.
Transform us and our community so that we may continually work
toward reconciliation and new life. Amen.**

HEARING

*The Grandfathers Teaching on Truth
The Children will remain in the service this morning to worship with their families.*

A WORLD ENGAGED WITH GOD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,
infinitely greater than words can express,
whose love for us and all creation
exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen

APOLOGY AND RESPONSE

Reading: 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples Rosemary MacLachlan

Reading: 1988 Response to the 1986 Apology Norm Esdon

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

I See the Universe David L. Brunner
text by High Eagle (Osage/Cherokee)

LEARNING

“TELLING OUR STORIES, LISTENING FOR TRUTH”

Jim Leake, Barry King, Judi Montgomery

🌀 MV 79 *Spirit, Open My Heart*

SHARING

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We are, all of us, Treaty People:
original inhabitants
and those who came later—
inheritors of a diverse history,
dwellers in a common land,
travellers toward a better day.

We have known
friendship and animosity,
cooperation and oppression,
blessing and pain.

And now we embrace
the sacred covenant
that heralds a new beginning:
that softens the heart
and dismantles the prisons of
the present and the past.

We joyfully claim
our rights and responsibilities
as Treaty People.

Amen.

Treaty People’s Creed (2011)
The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference

COMMITTING TO THE FUTURE

OFFERTORY

Up Where We Belong

Buffy Sainte-Marie, Jack Nitzsche

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS

☞ MV 143 *We Cannot Own the Sunlit Sky* verse 1

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Juliet Huntly

Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,
May our kin-dom come
And your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps
And forgive, freely others for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power
And the glory, now and forever. Amen

☞ VU 372 *This Path We Walk* Tune: VU 372
(From Apology towards Reconciliation 30th Anniversary
of the United Church's Apology to First Nations Peoples)

This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in love, we'll rise again.

When life is shared, together, free
we'll grow to be all we can be:
a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.

These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love and known by heart.

When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit's Way
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.

This life we share, a blessing deep;
a promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.

Words @5. Curtis Tufts-April 2016

SENDING FORTH AND SUNG BLESSING

☞ MV 143 *God Calls Humanity to Join* verse 3

LISTENING FOR THE HEARTBEAT OF THE WORLD – SISTERS OF THE DRUM

TALENTS SHARED, THANK YOU

We welcome and are grateful to the Sisters of The Drum sharing with us in worship today, as we honour this National Indigenous Day of Prayer.

Sisters of The Drum - Judi, Thelma, Eartha, Lou

The ancestral rhythm of the hand drum echoes the heartbeat of Mother Earth. This group of women from mixed ancestry have become known as the 'Sisters of the Drum' and have actively been sharing their teachings and music over a wide area for the past 20 years. They have produced 3 CD's of hand-drum music and stories: *Sisters of the Water*, *Sisters of the Earth*, and *Sisters of the Fire* and are currently preparing *Sisters of the Wind* for distribution in 2020, featuring traditional Native music as well as original pieces. They are active in their community in many ways, contributing to the school board, students, libraries, churches and other organizations with songs, teachings and cultural understanding.

Today's service was organized with leadership from the Joint Truth and Reconciliation Action Group (JTRAG). The group was formed in 2016. It includes representatives from Chalmers and Sydenham Street United Churches and others who share an interest in and commitment to advancing reconciliation with Canada's first peoples and changing the future. JTRAG has the following goals:

1. To educate ourselves and others on the legacy of colonialist policies and practice on Canada's first peoples, including hosting events;
2. To listen, learn and share new knowledge about the priorities, opportunities and options for reconciliation of Canada's many peoples;
3. To participate in events and other activities on behalf of the group;
4. To work with others to advance these goals;
5. To share information on events being held within the broader community on indigenous culture and history, public policy and related themes.

Current members include Lynn Freeman, Jim Leake, Kate Mackrell, Barb Parrott, Anya Hageman, Rosemary McLachlan, Barry King, Michael Cooke and Juliet Huntly. We meet monthly and we welcome others to join us in learning together and discerning how we can participate in the work of reconciliation. We would be happy to expand our circle. Check our website at jtrag.org.

Greeter Norm Esdon

Hospitality Catherine Purcell, Diane Soule

Counter Gerald McGrath

TODAY

SSUC Annual General Meeting

After the Sunday service the AGM will be held in the Lower Hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Barry King will be away on vacation from June 17 to July 1 inclusive.

For Pastoral Care emergencies, please contact Marylil Megginson
at 613-544-9420 or marylil@kos.net.

Please Note: The church office will be closed In July.

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so that announcements may be made verbally.

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Worshipping Sundays Together
at Sydenham Street United in June and July
then at Chalmers United in August