

Order of Worship - June 20, 2021



All My Relations Indigenous Day of Prayer

GATHERING

Welcome

Candle-lighting

We call upon the light, God's light. The light shall shine upon and within us.
The light is God. The light is never rushed. The light knows no time.
We sense the light; we know and feel the light.
Jesus was created by the light, and is truly God's light.
The light is the Holy Spirit. And it shall never leave us.

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Invitation to Worship (One/All)

Friends in Christ,
today we come with thanksgiving:

**For our very breath,
the warmth of the sun,
and the sustaining waters.
For the ones that crawl, those that swim,
and those who fly.**

**For the four-legged and the two-legged -
All our relations!**

**For the trees, the elements,
And our whole mother earth;
All our relations!**

**Let us worship the holy one,
The Great Spirit,
Our loving Creator.**

Opening Prayer (Leader)

Hymn: COME AND FIND THE QUIET CENTRE

(VU 374)

1. Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.
- 2 Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.
- 3 In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:

there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

Prayer for Reconciliation

(One/All)

Creator God,
You draw us today to your presence, within, the quiet centre.
Whether our life is crowded with activity, conflict,
or the never-ending news,
You call us to to you, the ground and source of our being and our peace.

And so you gather us here as a praying people, people of the way.
And on this day, as with all days,
you call us to healing, wholeness and reconciliation.

As we continue our walk with you and each other,
help us to discern the difference between your ways
and our ways.

**Help us to set aside the privilege and fear and guilt we may carry,
that we may listen for your voice of truth and love,
speaking through others, opening our hearts and minds,
and guiding us in our speaking and in our actions.**

We offer to you now in a time of silence,
Our acknowledgment of the ways
we have allowed our own desires and insecurities
to close our eyes and ears to you,
and to your call live in the ways
which bring your abundant life to us and others.

Time for silent prayer...

You who whispers to us the mysteries of life,
who causes the long grasses to dance in the summer,

who calls the salmon against the current in the fall,
you are with us in every season.

**We give ourselves to your care and love.
Grant us what we need for the next part
of our walk with each other.
Hold the holy light in front of us to follow;
we trust you are with us always.
Amen.**

Words of Assurance (Leader)

PROCLAMATION

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-12, 26-27

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, my siblings, I do not want you to be uninformed. **2** You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. **3** Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says “Let Jesus be cursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; **5** and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. **7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. **8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, **10** to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. **11** All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together with it.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Time of Reflection

Rev. Tony Snow & John Snow, Jr.
Indigenous Circle Caretakers
Natika Bock

RESPONDING

Hymn:- WE CANNOT OWN THE SUNLIT SKY

(MV 143)

1. We cannot own the sunlit sky,
the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
for we are part of all that is
within life's river flowing.
With open hands receive and share
the gifts of God's creation,
that all may have abundant life
in ev'ry earthly nation.
2. When bodies shiver in the night
and weary, wait for morning,
when children have no bread but tears,
and war-horns sound their warning,
God calls humanity to wake,
to join in common labour,
that all may have abundant life
in one-ness with their neighbour.
3. God calls humanity to join
as partners in creating
a future free from want or fear,
life's goodness celebrating,
that new world beckons from afar,
invites our shared endeavour,
that all may have abundant life
and peace endure forever.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Prayers for the world and for our community are offered...

Prayer of the Disciples (The Lord's Prayer)

(ALL:)

**Divine One, Loving Parent of all,
Holy and blessed is your name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come;
We pray that your good will be done -
Let heaven and earth be one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.**

**Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
From each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence
beyond the evil of our days.
For yours is the glorious reign
of the power of love.
Forever your name is All in One.
Amen.**

Parker Palmer

Hymn: SPIRIT GOD, BE OUR BREATH

(MV 150)

1. Spirit God, be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Our world seems inward, defensive, withdrawn...
Spirit God, be our song.
2. Patient God: soothe our pride, calm our fear.
Comfort us. When we know you are near
We grow more certain, our vision is clear.
Patient God, calm our fear.
3. Loving God: be our voice, be our prayer.
Reaching out, joining hands as we share,

we seek your guidance through friendship and care.
Loving God, be our prayer.

4. Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.
Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.
Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn...
Spirit God, be our song.

GOING FORTH

Sending & Blessing (One)

Surround yourself in the Spirit;
Surround yourself in the Light;
Surround yourself in the Wisdom;
Surround yourself in the Love;
For God is with you.

Be brave. Be strong. Be humble.
Be God.

Peace be with us all.
In Jesus name, Amen.

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Sung Amen (ALL)

*Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen!
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Coffee time!

Stay on the zoom call for announcements & catching up.