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Worship Service

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Canada Day Service

Sunday, June 27th, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Moment of Silent Reflection:

Fairness is treating each other even-handedly so that each person receives a share. With fairness, we meet everyone's needs. We listen to the views of others with openness, and expect to be heard with equal respect. We don't focus on who is right but on what is right for all concerned. Without bias, favouritism or prejudice, we level the playing field. We are as protective of the rights of others as we are of our own. We seek not to overpower but to empower. We are lovers of justice. (Virtues Project)
"Hear one side and you will be in the dark; hear both sides and all will be clear." (Thomas Chandler Haliburton)

Page 2 Praising God

Prelude Prelude #4, Op. 11 Alexander Scriabin



CANADA DAY

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather today for worship marking the 154th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. As we gather, we recognize that a history of a people is not all glory.

The history of Canada has both joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy. We have much to celebrate, much to lament, and much to dream.

We gather in the presence of our Creator God. Let us worship the Creator in whom we, and all of creation, are one. Let us open our hearts in thanksgiving. Come, let us be filled with the Spirit's vision as we worship today.

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Opening Prayer (together)

O God of shepherd, warrior, and prophet;

**Creator of First Peoples, pioneer, and
saddlebag preacher;**

Light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker:

**we live with history and we love Your presence
with us. As we reflect on our history, help us
remember all of it:**

that which makes us proud

and that which makes us ashamed;

**that which reveals our closeness to your Word
and that which reveals our distance.**

Remind us of Your constant presence:

**forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all
things new. Hear us, O Holy One, as we dwell for a
moment in Your tender arms. Amen.**

Hymn (278) "In the Quiet Curve of Evening" vs. 1,2,3

1 In the quiet curve of evening,
in the sinking of the days,
in the silky void of darkness, you are there.
In the lapses of my breathing,
in the space between my ways,
in the crater carved by sadness, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

2 In the rests between the phrases,
in the cracks between the stars,
in the gaps between the meaning,
you are there.
In the melting down of endings,
in the cooling of the sun,
in the solstice of the winter, you are there.

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You are there, you are there, you are there.

3 In the mystery of my hungers,
in the silence of my rooms,
in the cloud of my unknowing, you are there.
In the empty cave of grieving,
in the desert of my dreams,
in the tunnel of my sorrow, you are there.
You are there, you are there, you are there.

Prayer for Grace (together)

**Creator, You have given us this land we know as
both Canada and Turtle Island. We are grateful for
its natural resources and beauty as well as the
rich diversity of peoples. We have come from
many backgrounds, many nations with many
different languages. Help us to be a united
people. Defend our liberties and give those whom
we have entrusted with the authority of
government the spirit of wisdom, that there may
be justice and peace in our land. When times are
prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and in
troubled times, guide us to find reconciliation.
We need, Creator, Your healing presence in our
lives and country. Amen.**

Sung Assurance (381) "Spirit of Life"

Spirit of Life, come unto me.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me. **(repeat)**

4 **We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.**

Commissioning and Benediction

May the warm winds of heaven,
blow soft upon your house.

May the Great Spirit,
bless all who enter there.

May your moccasins make,
happy tracks in the deep snow.

And may the rainbow always,
touch your shoulder and give you peace.

Cherokee Blessing

Choral Blessing (424)

1 May the God of hope go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

**Praying, let us work for peace,
singing, share our joy with all,
working for a world that's new,
faithful when we hear Christ's call.**

2 May the God of healing free the earth from fear,
freeing us for peace, both treasured and pursued.
May the God of love keep our commitment clear
to a world restored, to human life renewed. **R**

Postlude "For the Fruit of All Creation"
Welsh melody arr. Jane Holstein

Thank you for joining our zoom audio and video
worship service today. May you have a blessed
Canada Day.

Many thanks to B. Kai and the Zoom Team for
coordinating our zoom audio and video service.
Thanks to C. MacLean for reading our scripture.
Thanks to K. Quinton, L. Lazar, and P. Tibbles
Cookson for inspiring us with their music.

Today, Sunday, June 27th, we recognize the 154th
Birthday of Canada. We invite you to wear red and
white to the service.

Summer Schedule: We will have Zoom audio/video
worship services during the month of July. We will
take a break during the month of August and resume
Zoom audio and video services on September 5th.
We will let you know in July how to connect with a
local United Church worship service during the month
of August.

Prayers and Concerns: Please remember in your
prayers all those in need of hope, comfort and
healing.

BUC Prayer Group: These individuals offer
confidential prayer support to anyone who is in need
of God's healing love, support and compassion in
their lives. Prayers may be for a relative, a close
friend or yourself. Please contact E. Turnbull or

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R. Shikaze with your prayer request.

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God bless you, stay well, and we hope you join in next week...same day, same time, same number and video link.



Canada Day 2021:
A day of reflection