

▲ Rise in body or in spirit  
Responses in bold

Gathering Music

Welcome

Introductions

Theme Conversation

Acknowledging the Territory

#### CROSSING THE THRESHOLD

Lighting the Candles

We Sing – O God, Send Out Your Spirit x 3

**O God, send out your Spirit;  
Renew the face of the earth.  
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Call to Worship

We gather today in the presence of God,  
acknowledging the land,  
the stories, and the people who came before us.

**We honour the Indigenous peoples  
whose lands we inhabit,  
and the survivors of residential schools  
whose voices cry out for justice.**

We come to listen, to remember, and to seek truth,  
asking God to open our hearts  
to the stories of suffering and resilience.

**With humility, we confess the wrongs of the past,  
and commit ourselves to the work  
of reconciliation and healing.**

Creator God, guide us in the way of peace,  
as we walk alongside our Indigenous siblings,  
seeking justice.

**We come to worship with hope,  
trusting in the transforming power of truth and love.**

▲ We Sing – Worship the Lord # 401

#### Confession

God of truth and reconciliation,  
we confess the ways we have been silent  
in the face of injustice.

**We acknowledge the harm done to Indigenous peoples,  
especially through the residential school system.**

Forgive us for our ignorance,  
complicity, and indifference.

*Silent prayer...*

**Help us to listen, learn, and seek healing.**

**May we walk in humility,  
honoring the stories of survivors,  
and commit to justice and reconciliation,  
through Jesus Christ, our guide in love. Amen.**

#### Remembering

Hold the orange cloth/ribbon in your hand.  
As we remember the children taken from their families,  
and as we acknowledge the pain of the past,  
we are called to respond with actions of love,  
truth, and reconciliation.

This piece of orange cloth  
represents our commitment to this work.  
Let it symbolize both the memory of those who suffered  
and our dedication to a future of healing.

When you feel ready,  
come forward and tie your cloth onto the cross.  
As you tie it, offer a silent prayer—  
whether it is a prayer for healing, for justice, or for your own  
growth in understanding and reconciliation.

#### Prayer (Together)

**Loving God, as we tie these cloths,  
we remember the children, the survivors,  
and the ongoing work of reconciliation.**

**May our hearts be woven into this sacred commitment.**

**Let these symbols remind us of the journey  
we are on together.**

**Guide us with your grace and truth,  
now and always. Amen**

#### WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Ministry of Music – We Must Learn to Walk Together

A Time of Wondering

Ancient Words

Genesis 1: 26-28, 2: 7-8, 15, 19 & Mark 10: 42-45

Reflection – Serve and Preserve

Reflective Music

#### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

▲ We Sing – Called by Earth and Sky

*Refrain*

*Called by earth and sky,  
promise of hope held high  
This is our sacred living trust,  
treasure of Life, sanctified  
Called by earth and sky*

Precious these waters endless seas,  
deep ocean's dream  
Waters of healing, rivers of rain  
The wash of love again. R

Precious this gift the air we breathe,  
wind born and free  
Breath of the Spirit blown through this place  
Our gathering and our grace. R

Precious these mountains ancient sands,  
vast fragile land  
Seeds of our wakening rooted and strong  
Creation's faithful song. R

Precious the fire that lights the way,  
bright dawning day  
Fire of passion sorrows undone  
Our faith and justice one. R

## ▲We Profess – Affirmation of Faith (Together)

**We believe that God creates all things,  
renews all things and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary,  
a sacred planet filled with God's presence,  
a home for us to share with our kin.**

**We believe that God became flesh and blood,  
became a piece of Earth,  
a human being called Jesus Christ,  
who lived and breathed and spoke among us,  
suffered and died on a cross.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus  
is the Christ at the core of creation  
reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all creation and filling the cosmos.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation  
groans in empathy with a suffering creation,  
and waits with us for the rebirth of creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise  
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

## Mission and Service Stories

### Invitation to Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of the People – The Lord's Prayer

The Life and Ministry of the Faith Community

## THRESHOLD INTO GOD'S WORLD

### ▲We Sing – For the Healing of the Nations # 678

▲Commissioning & Blessing

▲Song of Dismissal – I'm Gonna Live So # 575

**I'm gonna live (work, pray, sing) so God can use me  
anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

## Liturgy – Rev. Catherine MacDonald

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## St. James United Church

United in Faith  
Strengthened by Friendship  
Building a Community  
of Love and Justice



*The above design is called the The Survivors' Flag and is an expression of remembrance, meant to honour Residential School Survivors and all the lives and communities impacted by the residential school system in Canada. Each element depicted on the flag was carefully selected by Survivors from across Canada, who were consulted in the flag's creation.*

*You can read all about it here:  
<https://nctr.ca/exhibits/survivors-flag/>*

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