



Sunday, June 6, 2021

The remains of 215 children were found on the grounds of The Residential School in Kamloops, B.C.



It is a sad day in Canada's history and a sad day for us as a faith community. The Indigenous ministries of the United Church of Canada ask us to remember, to honor, to mourn and to grieve with them with them. Today we will do just that. Today we honor, remember and grieve the 215 children, their families and friends!

HONOURING & REMEMBERING

GATHERING: Elegy Cecil Armstrong Gibbs

PRAYER FOR THE LOSS IN Kamloops, BC
(Written by Rev. Murray Pruden, Executive Minister, Indigenous Ministries & Justice of The United Church of Canada.)

SOLO: Paul Forget - Hear My Prayer arranged by Max Spicker

CANDLE LIGHTING

CENTERING WORDS

HYMN: **VU282** Long Before the Night vs. 1 & 2

Prayer for the Students of Kamloops Residential School
(Moderator Richard Bott, The United Church of Canada)

LIGHTING OF THE 215 CANDLES

HYMN: **VU282** Long Before the Night vs. 3, 4 & 5

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE TERRITORY

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN: **VU282** Long Before the Night vs. 5 & 1

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Adapted from Rev. Carolyn Wilson Wynne, Nova Scotia.)
Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space.
We are aware of the gift of wind: **and the four directions from which it comes.**

We are aware of the gift of sun: **and the four directions on which it shines.**

We are aware of the gift of humanity: **and the four directions in which we exist.**

We are aware of the gift of Creation: **and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.**

This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Metis people of Canada; and **we commit ourselves to be the people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus.**

Today we honour and remember the 215 children found at the grave site in Kamloops at the Residential School. **We remember and we grieve.**

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 5: 23-25 read by Paul Forget
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN: **808VU** On Eagle's Wings vs. 1 & 2

SERMON

Litany We are all Treaty People (Treaty People's Creed (2011) The All My Relations Network of Saskatchewan Conference)

HYMN: **808** On Eagle's Wings vs. 3 & 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
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(Adapted from Read Sherman, minister of Trinity United Church in Montreal)

Response: **VU400** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying



OUR LAND - We remember, as we celebrate God's presence in Worship that St. Andrew's River Heights United Church gathers in Treaty 1 land, the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, and Dakota peoples and in the heart of the Metis Nation. As Treaty people, we seek to live with respect on this land, and live in peace and friendship with all our relations.

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be.
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from form one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love now and forever. Amen**

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: **VU542** We Give You But You Own
**We give you but your own,
whatever the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.**

BLESSING

**BENEDICTION (MV212 Sent out in Jesus' name)
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will**

POSTLUDE: Adagio in A minor (*from Toccata, Adagio and Fugue in C major*) J.S. Bach

Announcements

A special thank you to our soloist today Paul Forget who will also be reading the scripture today.
Thanks to Fred Cross for co-leading worship today.

Scripture Readings for next week:

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17

Mark 4:26-34

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Our heartfelt thanks go out to everyone who helped with today's service—we couldn't have pulled it off without you!

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