

BELLS CORNERS UNITED CHURCH
4th Sunday after Pentecost / Celebrating Canada Day July 3, 2022 – 10 am
Summer Sermon Series - The Good News in One Word: "Itinerant"
Featuring Canadian Hymnwriters & Composers

** The live service will be broadcasted and recorded on YouTube, check your email for the link.
The audio recording of the live service should be available by phone Monday afternoon at 613- 820-8104*

Gathering Music: O Siem – Irschick & Aglukark

Acknowledgment of Territory Rev. Kim Vidal

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This land on which we gather is the unceded territory and traditional land of the Algonquin and Anishinaabe people. We worship Creator on this land and acknowledge with respect the thousands of years of ceremony and relationship that are etched in footprint, fire, and faithfulness on the soil and rock that surrounds us. Meegwetch.

****National Anthem: O Canada! (Bilingual Version, 2018)***

O Canada! Our home and native land!
True patriot love in all of us command,
Car ton bras sait porter l'épée,
Il sait porter la croix!
Ton histoire est une épopée
Des plus brillants exploits,
God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
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Welcome & Centering for Worship Rev. Kim

Lighting of Christ Candle: Acolytes: Rev. Angela & Keith Bailey

O warm and comforting flame, sparkle, sparkle now!
Guide us into safe soul refuge.
Though shadows prevail, in mood or mind,
we follow the light in to the calm.
How we long for and look for this light, and flickering, here it is:
Christ – the light of day – the bright and comforting twinkling night light,
the infinite and lovely flame of serenity.
We welcome you, light of Christ!

Sung Response: Spirit of the Living God - Voices United #376

Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us. (2x)
Break us, melt us, mold us, fill us.
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on us.

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***Call to Worship & Opening Prayer:¹ (Responsively) Erin Berard**

As Canada begins another year, we come with praise and thanksgiving,
for the beauty and bounty of this land and the diversity of its people.

We come too with concern and a desire for hope
**that the environment will be protected,
that truth and reconciliation will be advanced,
and that all people will live in harmony.**

Holding these desires and concerns in our hearts, let us pray:

**O Holy Spirit, help us to trust that you are at work among us,
moving our country in the right direction.**

Stir the consciences of our leaders and citizens
to make the decisions that bless all people
and all creatures who share this land.

**Help us to learn to trust in one another,
to name the best in each other,
and to be moved to share with each other.**

Fill us with the trust in you and in each other
that inspires sharing with the good of all and
Engaging in the work of reconciliation. **Amen.**

Hymn: Spirit God, Be Our Breath – More Voices #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.

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.

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.

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.

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Storytime: Erin Berard

Hymn: Like A Rock - More Voices #92

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky, God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon, God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

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Prayer for Illumination: (Unison)

Reader: Johanna Burrows

Gracious God, help us to receive your word, not only through this scripture, but also in songs and in prayers, and even in the silence. Rekindle in us the flame of your truth as we reflect on your Word of Life. Amen.

The Gospel Reading: Luke 10: 1-11, 16 (The Living Bible)

10 The Lord now chose seventy other disciples and sent them on ahead in pairs to all the towns and villages he planned to visit later.

2 These were his instructions to them: “Plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out more laborers to help you, for the harvest is so plentiful and the workers so few. **3** Go now, and remember that I am sending you out as lambs among wolves. **4** Don’t take any money with you, or a beggar’s bag, or even an extra pair of shoes. And don’t waste time along the way.

5 “Whenever you enter a home, give it your blessing. **6** If it is worthy of the blessing, the blessing will stand; if not, the blessing will return to you.

7 “When you enter a village, don’t shift around from home to home, but stay in one place, eating and drinking without question whatever is set before you. And don’t hesitate to accept hospitality, for the workman is worthy of his wages!

8-9 “If a town welcomes you, follow these two rules:

(1) Eat whatever is set before you.

(2) Heal the sick; and as you heal them, say, ‘The Kingdom of God is very near you now.’

10 “But if a town refuses you, go out into its streets and say, **11** ‘We wipe the dust of your town from our feet as a public announcement of your doom. Never forget how close you were to the Kingdom of God!’

16 Then he said to the disciples, “Those who welcome you are welcoming me. And those who reject you are rejecting me. And those who reject me are rejecting God who sent me.” May God’s wisdom give us understanding as we ponder on this Gospel story.

Thanks be to God!

Ministry of Music: Put Your Hand in the Hand – Gene MacLellan

Sermon: “Itinerant”

Rev. Kim

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer:

Rev. Kim

This Prayer of Gratitude, Lament, and Hope is inspired by a prayer written by Susan Lukey for Canada Day:

God in each of us, in whom all of creation and all peoples live and move and have our being, be with us as we celebrate Canada Day.

We pray in gratitude for the richness of this land that goes from sea to sea to sea:

For the First Peoples, who discovered this land millennia ago, and who teach us that we are all one with creation and with each other;

For the rich natural resources, the wonder of the variety of landscapes and ecosystems in our country, urban and rural, prairie and maritime, tundra and mountains, Canadian Shield and foothills;

For the wonderful tapestry of Indigenous and non-Indigenous cultures that make up our nation, making us all richer for the diversity;

For a country in which we are free and safe to cast our vote, where our vote and our voice count, and where we can give voice to what we believe, we offer our gratitude to you, Creator of Life. We pray in awe and wonder, seeking to live daily lives that reflect gratitude.

We gather in lament for the painful parts of our history:

For the devastation caused to the Indigenous Peoples through colonization of this land, the overuse of natural resources, and the loss of their cultures, spirituality, and traditions;
For all others in our country who have been discriminated against, abused, and devalued because of their ethnicity, beliefs, or country of origin;

For those who gave their lives and those who continue to experience the traumatic effects of their service in the Armed Forces, during both world wars, as peacekeepers, and in other conflicts;

For those who have suffered devastation in both natural and human-made disasters in Canada, this we lament, God, who is very present in times of trouble. We join our voices to cry out for justice for the continuing wrongs in our country.

We dream of the future for our beloved land of Canada:

For a country where the best of Canadian values of peacemaking, compassion, hospitality, generosity, fairness, and kindness are lived day by day and extended to everyone in this land; For a country where everyone shares in the abundance, where everyone has food, shelter, safety, and employment, where everyone is valued as they are for who they truly are;

For a country where we care for the land, the environment, and the creatures, and live with respect in creation, making wise use of our natural resources and understanding that we are one with all of creation;

For the possibilities and promise we have as a nation in which every one of us can contribute our ideas, our imagination, and our creativity for the good of all;

For the leadership and example we can offer as a nation to the world, in building right relationships between all people and in treating all citizens, both Indigenous and non-Indigenous, with dignity and respect, and in radical caring for the environment;

For the vision and encouragement we can offer as The United Church of Canada, by striving for right relations between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, in seeking justice and proclaiming hope, as we seek to follow the Way of Jesus, to this we commit ourselves as your faithful people, Loving God.

You who reminds us to be still and know that you are God, we give thanks, we lament, and we dream, gathering all of our prayers together as we pray the words of Jesus:

The Lord's Prayer:

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.

*Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.*

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kin-dom, the power and the glory,

Forever and ever, Amen.

Invitation to Offer:

Rev. Kim

If you are not on PAR and wish to send in your offering and donations, you can drop them in the mailbox by the kitchen door of the church, mail them to BCUC, or send in your support through e-transfer. Thank you for your continued love and support to Bells Corners United Church.

Offertory Prayer: (Unison)

Generous God, bless these gifts and bless the ministries they make possible. Encourage us to give of ourselves and our resources until we become joyful images of your love and service. Amen.

****Hymn: To Show by Touch and Word – Voices United #427***

1 To show by touch and word
devotion to the earth,
to hold in high regard
all life that comes to birth,
we need, O God, the will to find
the good you had of old in mind.

creating peace and trust.
For every challenge that we face
we need your guidance and your grace.

2 Inspire our hearts to choose
the things that matter most,
to speak and do the truth,

3 Let love from day to day
be touchstone, guide and norm,
and let our lives portray
your Word in human form.
Now come with us that we may have
your wits about us where we live.

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****Sending Forth:***

Rev. Kim

Go now into the world,
Into this country strong and free,
Knowing we are blessed and ready
to be a blessing to others.
Go into this week,
With all of its joys and all of its challenges,
Listening for the voice of God
Urging us to be God's hands, feet and heart,
and promising to always be
our source of refuge, strength and courage.
Go now in peace, in joy and in love. Amen.

Departing Music: