

**ZOOM Worship for September 12, 2021  
16th Sunday after Pentecost**

**Territorial Acknowledgment and Announcements**

We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is situated upon traditional territories of the Erie, Neutral, Huron–Wyandot, the Haudenosaunee and later the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

The territory is mutually covered by the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibway and other allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.

Today, this remains the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work in their community, and to share and respect Mother Earth.

**Announcements**

**Centering Music: "We Are All One People" MV 141**

*This piece was written by Saskatchewan Cree composers Joseph Naytowhow and Cheryl l'hirondelle*

We are all one people, we all come from one Creation way on high.

We are all one nation under one great sky, you and I.

We are all one people, we are all one colour in her eyes.

We are all one people, we all come from one Creation way on high.

We are all one nation under one great sky, you and I.

We are all one people, we are all one nation, we are all one colour if we try.

**Call to Worship:**

One: In the beginning, before time, before people, before the world began, God was.

Two: Here and now, among us, beside us, enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven, God is.

One: In the future, when we have turned to dust and all we know has found its fulfilment, God will be.

Two: Not denying the world, but delighting in it, not condemning the world, but redeeming it, through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, God was, God is, God will be.

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**Opening Prayer:**

One: O God, who brought me from the rest of last night,

Two: to the new light of this day to the guiding light of the eternal,

One: lead me, O God, on the journey of justice, guide me, O God, on the pathways of peace,

Two: renew me, O God, by the wellsprings of grace, today, tonight and forever.

*From Celtic Prayers from Iona by J. Philip Newell*

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, in heaven,

hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come, your will be done

On earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread,

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial,

and deliver us from evil,  
For the kingdom, the power and glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen

**Opening Hymn: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" VU 291**

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful:  
in love, God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,  
each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their tiny wings. R

The purpleheaded mountains,  
the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning  
that brightens up the sky; R

The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one. R

The rocky mountain splendour,  
the lone wolf's haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall; R

God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is God our maker,  
who has made all things well. R

**Scripture readings: Psalm 91: 1-16**

You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,  
will say to the LORD, 'My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.'  
For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.  
You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,

or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.  
You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.  
On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.  
You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.  
With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

#### **Musical Response: "On Eagles Wings" VU 808**

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
All: Thanks be to God.

#### **Introduction of Crystal Dawn**

**Reflection: "O Love, Bridging the Gap"      Crystal Dawn**

**Choir: "Beyond Ourselves"**

**Video:** Chief Stacey Laforme, Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation

#### **Hymn: "When Hands Reach Out Beyond Divides" MV 169**

When hands reach out beyond divides and hope is truly found,  
Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound,  
And bells of peace, of peace shall sound, and bells of peace shall sound,  
Each chain of hate will fall away and bells of peace shall sound

When fear no longer guides our steps and days of war are done,  
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one,  
Our hearts will heal, will heal as one, our hearts will heal as one,  
God's dream for all shall live anew; our hearts will heal as one.

When race and creed blind us no more, a neighbour's face we'll see,  
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free,  
For love, yes love will set us free, for love will set us free,  
And we shall dance the whole world round, for love will set us free.

**Offering Invitation:**

One: Out of your goodness, God, you give us countless gifts.

Two: Out of our gratitude, we offer what we can.

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**Prayer of Dedication:**

One: Loving god, we stand as a community of your people.

Two: We offer our desire and commitment to love our neighbours.

One: This love is shared both locally and globally through the offering of our time, talents, and treasures.

Two: Use our loving commitment so that your glory might be known. We offer all in Christ's name. Amen.

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**Music for Reflection: "Hey Ney Yana" MV 217**

*(Written by Brook Medicine Eagle as taught by Leonard Eagle Cloud Howell)*

Hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I walk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do, I talk in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,  
I sing of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

Hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

I pray of beauty, yes I do, yes I do, I sleep in beauty, yes I do, yes I do,  
I dream of beauty, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

Hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ney yana, hey ya hey yo, hey ya hey yo.

*\*The syllables in the chorus of this song are vocables, non-lexical syllables meant as vehicles for praise.*

**Prayers of the People:**

One: Eternal God, conceiver and shaper, we bless you that, awake and aware, we are free to praise you.

Bound in the family of Christ to worshippers in every land we worship you in our mother tongue as others do in theirs, glad to be part of your pattern and purpose.

Two: God of Hope, we give up to you the places and things in our lives, in our church, in our community, and in our world where hope is needed. We give thanks for the hope we see in the eyes of our children and grandchildren. We give thanks for those who work in our world in the hope of a better future. Be with those who wait in hope, gracious God: those who wait in hope for employment, for peace, for enough food and clean water, for answers to prayer, for healing.

- One: God of Peace, we bring before you our prayers for all those people and places that are in need of peace – whether it be in our hearts, in our lives, or in our families; between neighbours, or in countries around the world. We long for a peace that means enough food and water for all, a peace that has all your people living in acceptance and wholeness of body, mind, and spirit.
- Two: God of joy, thank you for the opportunities you give us to touch the lives of others with joy. Help us to look for those opportunities to share joy and to be open to receiving the joy they can give us. Help us to be thankful for the joyful paces and times in our lives.
- One: Liberate all who follow Christ from narrowness of vision and limited discipleship. Make your people keen to serve you in the public worlds of business, politics, education, law, industry and wherever the welfare of humanity may be improved or threatened. Thus may compassion and justice inform our national life and institutions as keenly as they address our consciences.
- Two: Throughout this day, enliven our minds, inspire our conversation, inform our decisions, and protect those we love. And should today bring what we neither anticipate nor desire, increase our faith and decrease our pride until we know that, when we face the unexpected, we do not stand alone. Hear these prayers made in the presence and in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.
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### **Closing Hymn: "My Love Colours Outside the Lines" MV 138**

My love colours outside the lines, exploring paths that few could ever find;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before,  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My Lord colours outside the lines, turns wounds to blessings, water into wine;  
And takes me into places where I've never been before  
And opens doors to worlds outside the lines.

My soul longs to colour outside the lines, tear back the curtains, sun, come in and shine;  
I want to walk beyond the boundaries where I've never been before,  
Throw open doors to worlds outside the lines.

### **Commissioning:**

- One: May God bless us; may God keep us in the Spirit's care and lead our lives with love.
- Two: May Christ's warm welcome shine from our hearts and Christ's own peace prevail through this *and every day*. Amen.
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### **Musical Postlude: Segment of "O Siem" (written by Susan Aglukark and Chad Irschick)**

'O Siem', meaning a joyful greeting for family and loved ones, was "an anthemic call to turn away from racism and prejudice" according to Historica Canada. It called for inclusivity and acceptance, things that Aglukark has spent her lifetime promoting.