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Creation Time 3

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Leading us today in Worship:

Worship Leader: Orleen Anderson

Music Director: Dr. Christopher Burton

**Readers: George Dickson, Candy Yeandle,
Matthew Rocque**

Leader: regular font ~ All: bold font ~ Sung words: bold italics
Asterisk * Indicates when the congregation may stand if able.

We Gather to Worship God

PRELUDE: "We Are All One People" (Hymn More Voices 141)

WELCOME:

Acknowledgement of the Traditional Territory:

CALL TO WORSHIP:

OPENING ADDRESS:

Everyone: Now our minds are one

HYMN: VU # 888 *Earth and All Stars

***Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets
sing to our God a new song!***

Hail, wind and rain, loud blowing snowstorm

*sing to our God a new song!
 God has done marvelous things.
 We will sing praises with a new song!*

We Listen to God's Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

SCRIPTURE:

Readings: Job 12:7-10 (KJV)

"But now ask the beasts, and they will teach you;
 And the birds of the air, and they will tell you;
 Or speak to the earth, and it will teach you;
 And the fish of the sea will explain to you.
 Who among all these does not know
 That the hand of the GOD has done this,
 In whose hand is the life of every living thing,
 And the breath of all humankind?"

Psalms : 96 : 11 -12 (NIV)

Refrain: Christopher

Refrain - Choir:

Sing a new song un-to God who has done such marvelous things.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
 let the sea resound, and all that is in it.

Refrain: Choir and congregation –

Sing a new song un-to God who has done such marvelous things.

Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
 let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Refrain :Choir and congregation –

Sing a new song un-to God who has done such marvelous things.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE: "ONE DRUM"

Written by singer songwriter Leela Gilday who was born and raised in Yellowknife and is a member of the Dene Nation.

CONVERSATION:

***HYMN: VU #229 God of the Sparrow**

1. God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow

God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

4. God of the hungry

God of the sick

God of the prodigal

How does the creature say Care

How does the creature say Life

5. God of the neighbor

God of the foe

*God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace*

*6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home*

We Respond to God's Word

BRAIDING PRAYER:

2006 marked the 20th anniversary of the United Church Apology to Former Students of United Church Indian Residential Schools, and to Their Families and Communities, This prayer was written by Sara Stratton, Reconciliation and Indigenous Justice Animator.

**God of struggle, and of reconciliation,
Be with us as we remember
what we have been a part of:
Cruel and unjust systems
Efforts to say "sorry" ... and to mean it**

**Remind us that our history as people
is like a braid
We are wrapped together
And there is tension in that, and pain
But there is also strength**

**Remind us of the beauty and sacredness of braids
The beauty and sacredness of relationships
Remind us to never again sever these braids
But to honour them in everything we do
God of struggle, and of reconciliation,
Be with us as we recognize
what we must be a part of:
Loving and just relationships**

Saying “sorry” ... and actively meaning it.
Amen

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST:

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**
We share the peace of Christ by typing in the chat box.
You can also think of one person with whom you would like to share the
peace of Christ. z

MUSIC for PASSING the PEACE:

Improvisation on a Hymn C. Burton

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Care, Prayer, Share

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Coffee hour after the service.

We Go Out to Share God’s Love!

***HYMN:** MV #37 Each Blade of Grass (Circle of God)

**1. Each blade of grass, ev’ry wing that soars,
the waves that sweep across a distant shore,
make full the circle of God.
Each laughing child, ev’ry gentle eye,
a forest lit beneath a moon-bright sky,
make full the circle of God.**

**2. Each silent paw, ev’ry rounded stone,
the buzz that echoes from a honey’d comb,
make full the circle of God.
Each fire-brimmed star, ev’ry outstretched hand,
the wind that leaps and sails across the land,
make full the circle of God.**

*3. Each icy peak, ev'ry patterned shell,
the joyous chorus that the dawn foretells,
make full the circle of God.*

*Each cosmic hue, ev'ry creature's way,
all form the beauty of this vast array,
making full the circle of God.*

***COMMISSIONING and BENEDICTION:** (adapted from VU#429
May the blessing of God be upon us.)

May God's love light all our way.

May the grace of Christ enfold us and peace around us
stay.

May the Spirit of God swell within us.

May we live in joy each day.

***SUNG BLESSING: Go Now in Peace**

Go now in peace. Never be afraid.

God will go with you each hour of every day.

Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,

Know God will guide you in all you do.

Go now in love, and show you believe.

Reach out to others so all the world can see.

God will be there, * within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love.

Amen, amen, amen.

*** alternate words: watching from above**

***POSTLUDE: VU 239 O Great Spirit**

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