

We Listen

Scripture Reading: Matthew 20: 1-16

Message: What is fair and just?

Hymn: *Let there be light* VU 679

We Respond

Offering and Dedication

Offering Hymn: *What does the Lord require of you?* VU 701

Prayer's of the People (with drumming a healing song)

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: *We turn to you* VU 685

Blessing and Sending Out / Envoi et bénédiction (CGP p. 73)

Go into the world: dance, laugh, sing, and create.

We go with the assurance of your blessing, O God.

Go into the world: risk, explore, discover, and love.

We go with the assurance of your grace, O God.

Go into the world: believe, hope, struggle, and remember.

We go with the assurance of your love, O God.

Thanks be to God!

Le Christ ressuscité marche à nos côtés et nous montre le chemin.

L'Esprit Saint souffle en nous : ouverture, compassion et courage.

Allez en paix.

Nous rendons grâce à Dieu!

Ayer's Cliff, Magog, Georgeville Pastoral Charge

Beulah United

Georgeville United, St. Paul's United
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**Committing to Truth and Reconciliation
with our Indigenous Brothers and Sisters**



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We Gather

Welcome / Bienvenue

Presentation by Paul Carignan, Metis, member of the *Alliance Autochtone du Québec*: The past and present relations between Indigenous Peoples and Settlers in Canada

The Survivor's Flag

Land Acknowledgment

As individuals and as a community of faith, we remember and give thanks for the people who have been the stewards of this land since time immemorial.

We commit ourselves to the work of justice, healing, and reconciliation. Together we dream about the country that we hope to become, a country where all are free to be their best selves, in solidarity and mutual respect.

Life and Work of the Congregation

Call to Worship (Atze Veldhuis in Gathering 2000 adapted)

Let us come again before God, seeking
music for our voices,
gospel for our hearts,
courage for our spirits,
purpose for our lives,
and actions for our hands and feet.

Lighting of the Christ Candle (Teresa Burnett-Cole in gatheringworship.ca)

Creator, as we light this candle, may it remind us of your Sacred Fire. May the smoke from this flame carry our prayers to you as we gather this day.

You are the Great Mystery that pulses through all life.
Your great heart beats within us like the beat of the drum.

With all creation, we gather before you to sing and offer you praise.
We come to receive the stories and remember our ancestors in faith.
Let our spirits dance before you with hearts and minds as one.
May Jesus journey with us! Thanks be to God!

A Time for all Ages

Opening Hymn: *God is here* **VU 389**

Opening Prayer (Gail Boulton)

Prière de confession / Prayer of Confession

(Taylor Croissant, trad. D. Fortin, in Gathering p. 40)
(will be read in French – English translation:

Creator God, history has brought us together on the lands that have become known as Canada.
Jesus unites us together as one people, yet we know that among us, many brothers, sisters, and siblings in Christ have been injured by that history. Treaties have been dishonored. Our church has been disgraced by its role in the residential school system. Help our country and our church to continue to heal from these wrongdoings and provide healing support to those who have been harmed. May our lives today pay respect to the Indigenous ancestors of this place and reappear firm our relationship with one another, guided to truth by your Holy Spirit. Amen)

Silence

Assurance of Pardon