

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost, September 25th 2022 – 10:30 am

Season of Creation!

*You are invited to say or sing the **bold print**

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

See, my people say that we are all one song. We are born of the same spiritual energy. We are created in its image and we carry it within us”.

- Richard Wagamese (from One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet)

ORGAN PRELUDE: Tranquil Waters by J. Sciveyner

CENTERING AROUND THE LIGHTING OF CHRIST

ANNE SNELL

Response: Sweetgrass and Candle v. 1

*Sweetgrass and candle, the peace pipe and Bible,
The stories of elders and beat of the drum;
These are the symbols of faith, hope and justice.
We gather in circle, affirming we're one.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ROBIN MILANI

Collier Street United acknowledges that we are situated on the traditional land of the Anishinaabeg people. The Anishinaabeg include the Ojibwe, Odawa, and Pottawatomi nations, collectively known as the Three Fires Confederacy, who made treaties 16 & 18 possible.



**Today, as a community of faith,
we commit to honouring the history and culture
of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit. We move forward in a spirit of
reconciliation and good relations with all peoples.**

WELCOME & NEWS

How are you today? **We are blessed and highly favoured.**

WE PRAISE AND PRAY

As we walk upon the Earth we move with the same eternal rhythm that beats within it. The heartbeat. The Earth is a drum, a spiritual being, and the beat of it is the first sound we hear in the darkness of our mother's belly.”

- Richard Wagamese (from One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet)

***HYMN:** VU#253 “Sing Your Joy”

^**WORDS FOR THE GATHERED:**

We gather to share in Creator's gift of abundant life for all.
We fix ourselves on you, Creator.

Come fill our hearts with your endless love, and send the wind of your spirit new hope through our lives.

Come light our souls to rise in faith, to reach out for your kingdom.

Come pour out your Spirit upon us we stand together as brothers and sisters.

Lift up our heads, brush away the shadows, and shine your grace into our minds.

So, Creator, we raise to worship, we shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join our hearts together.

With gratitude we gather as a community in praise, Creator, to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of your spirit that is always moving.

^ OPENING PRAYER

SILENCE

^WORDS TO RENEW US:

I've been waiting for messages from Creator

**They always come. But waiting is not seeing. Expecting is not feeling.
Demanding is not hearing**

I don't get it.

I know. But those clouds are Creator's handwriting. That wolf track in the mud is Creator's touch. Those birds singing in the trees are Creator's voices. A drum beating or your own heartbeat is Creator's Morse code. Children and elders and life itself are Creator's exclamation marks.

(a conversation with the "Old Woman" taken from "Embers:One Ojibway's Meditations" by Richard Wagamese)

SUNG RESPONSE: MV #160 "There's a River of Life" by Jonathan Maracle (Mohawk)

WE GROW IN THE FAITH & PRAY

"What drives that journey is one song; a song called yearning. What drives that song is one drum ringing out from the universal heartbeat we all seek connection to."

- Richard Wagamese (from One Drum:Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet)

^WORDS FROM SCRIPTURE: Psalm 42:7,8 (NIV)

DAVE LORD

Let us listen to hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church...

⁷ Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

⁸ By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me - a prayer for the God of my life.

Paraphrase of Psalm 106: 1-5

Praise our Creator! O, Meegwetch, give thanks to the maker, for Turtle Island nurtures us; love lives forever in ancestors dancing in the aurora borealis.

Who can truth talk the mighty doings of the Creator or drum their praises?

Joyful are those who observe justice, who work for right relations at all times.

Remember, O Great Spirit, when you show honour to your people.

Help us when you lead us into places of protection.

We see the grateful hunting of creatures, generous gathering, and abundant harvest and prosperity of our kin, that we may dance. In the ceremonies of our nation's people, that we may glory in your ancestry.

This is life-giving Word, for the People of God. Thanks be to God!

REFLECTION: "Lila and the Crow": a story of reconciliation

SANDRA RUTTAN

CHOIR ANTHEM: MV #141 "We Are All One People"

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

"But we need to go further. As a human family we need to work deliberately at harmony. That is what the Earth requires. Harmony is the energy that heals."

- Richard Wagamese (from One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AUDREY EDDY

THE PRAYER OF JESUS *(Kum Ba Yah Version with Inclusive language)*

WE GO TO BE GOD'S PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY

"The more voices raised, the stronger the song reverberates...Such a song can bring all of our energies into line with the eternal energy. When that happens, we truly become one song and one drum beating together in a common purpose—and we are healed."

- Richard Wagamese (from One Drum: Stories and Ceremonies for a Planet)

^HYMN: MV#135 "Called by Earth and Sky"

^WE GO WITH A BLESSING:

ANNE SNELL

CLOSING SONG: MV#217 "Hey Ney Yana"

PIANO POSTLUDE: "Reverie" by C. Debussy

(We remain grateful for the offerings given today and electronically)