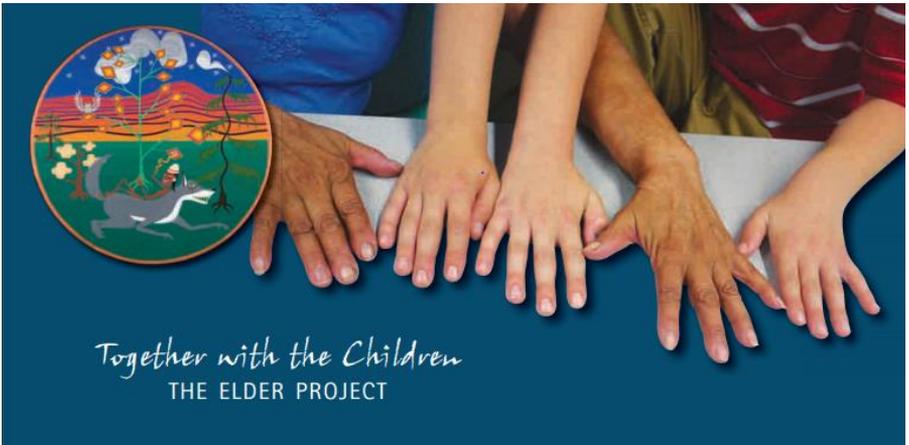


Summer Worship Together

**St. James'-Rosemount and
Trinity United Churches**



August 21, 2016

Reconciliation ~ New Beginnings

**Large Print Bulletins & Hearing Devices
are available: Please ask an usher.**

Welcome!

We extend a warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us this morning. Please join us in the Rainbow Room after worship for refreshments and fellowship.

We Gather in God's Hope

VU: Voices United

MV: More Voices

**Please rise in body or in spirit when you see this symbol*

Pre-worship Community Singing

Welcome and Community Life

Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Let us give thanks to our Creator, for the Creator is always with us.
**Creator and creating God,
you have given life to all around us.**

We come with open hearts to seek, encounter and to know you God.
**We come to listen attentively for your whispering voice
which invites us into reconciliation
with all peoples of your earth.**

* **Gathering Hymn** Let Us Build a House

MV 1

* **Blessing of the Four Directions**

We gather now, aware that there is a centre to our circle of life.
We will move from facing that central point of life to face each of
the four sacred directions, by turning in a clockwise manner as each
direction is named.

**We give thanks as we gather to honour Creator God,
offering praise for life in community
with purpose and promise.**

**We give thanks for the gifts of each of the directions
and especially the teaching of Elders,
that it is the Creator's intention that all nations
would come together from the four directions.**

Let us turn to the direction of the East, the place of the rising sun. In the East, is the promise of a new day, the time of all beginnings, of all new things, of all new times, of all new hopes.

May the light of each dawn enable us to see with new clarity the beauty of creation and give thanks to the Creator that we have a place in each new day.

Let us face the direction of the South, the place of the warm sun and new growth. This is the time of exuberance and delight. This is the beginning of change in our lives.

May warm winds help us to recognize the promise of rebirth among all living things.

Let us turn to the direction of the West, the time of ripening growth. We know the cool and sustaining waters of the West that calm our maturing hearts with courage and strength.

May the setting sun find us at peace with each other so we will have no fear of the night.

Let us face the direction of the North. This is the place of the cold winter winds and the rich wisdom of fruitful living. Here, we remember our ancestors and think of the generations to come.

May the winder winds give us clear vision of how all life can be nurtured and sustained.

Children's Reflection

Silence is kept

The Lord's Prayer

VU 959

Listening to God's Word of Hope

Prayer for Illumination

As your Word is read, O Lord, by your spirit, open our hearts to hear your message in new ways.

Reading from the Scriptures

Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

John 3: 1 - 17

This is the witness of God's Holy people to all generations

Thanks be to God

Meditation Old Stories ...Reconciliation...New Beginnings

Response Make Me a Channel of Your Peace VU 684

Sharing God's Hope

Invitation to Offering

Offertory

*** Offering Response**

**We bring our gifts to share, and lift our grateful prayer
That with our faithful care, our world will grow.
Through work of minds and hands
in gestures small or grand,
Let willing hearts expand the love You sow.**

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*** Dedication of the Offering**

Gracious God, whatever we have is from you.
Thank you for your abundant gifts of grace and love.
Thank you for guiding us as one Church to the Apology to the
Indigenous Peoples of Canada.

**Help us as the people of The United Church of Canada
to walk into the actions of reconciliation
so that all may live in the way of right relationships.
Take our offerings, our time, our talents
and what is in our hearts and use them
in the healing of your broken world. Amen**

Call to Prayers

Prayers of the People
Silent Prayer

Prayer for the Children

Silent Prayer

Living Hope in our City and World

*** Benediction**

**This path we walk, through joy and tears,
a living Way of faith and fears,
through each step's risk, each sorrow's pain,
when walked in love, we'll rise again.**

**When life is shared, together, free
we'll grow to be all we can be:
a circle wide will call us home,
when wrapped in love, we're not alone.**

**These gifts we bring, this light we hold,
our songs of grace, our stories told,
remain un-done, told just in part,
till shared in love, and known by heart.**

**When life is shared, together bound,
God's richest gifts, together found;
together walk the Spirit's Way
when love's the guide, we shall not stray.**

**This life we share, a blessing deep;
a promised gift, now ours to keep.
God grant our words were spoken true,
now clothed in life, each day anew.**

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Please be seated

Postlude

Join us for lunch today immediately after worship! Good food with friends you know and those you've yet to meet. Cost is free will offering.

Worship Notes

~ Bulletin Cover and Children's Poems are from publication 'Together with the Children Elder Project, Poems by Aboriginal Students, Cultural Immersion School'.

~ Liturgy is adapted from 'On the Path to Reconciliation. Kairos Worship Resources to mark the official close of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission'.

~ Sending Hymn - This Path We Walk: from Apology towards Reconciliation 30th Anniversary of United Church's Apology to First Nations Peoples.

~ "We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory of the Neutral, Anishnawbe and Haudenosaunee peoples"

- Haudenosaunee (Ho-deh-no-show-nee)
- Anishnawbe (Ah-nish-nah-bay)

Leadership in Worship this morning:

Greeters:	Dorothy H., Margaret H.
Ushers:	Doug R.
Sound:	AV Crew
Lay Reader:	Steven W.
Worship Leader:	Rev. Tiina Côté
Music Ministry:	Lorin S.
Counters:	Dorothy . Doug & Alison R.
Nursery:	Christine W.

Announcements for Everyone



Nursery will be open each Sunday during the services this summer. All infants and children age 8 and under are welcome to come. Located in the parlour off the narthex.

Awakening a New Heart: Body-Mind-Spirit Practices, Tuesday August 30 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am at the SJR outdoor labyrinth. All are welcome, bring a friend along. Rain or shine. If interested contact Rev. Tiina at 519-635-5792.

Trinity Announcements

Board Meeting: Monday August 22 at 6:30pm is offsite

"Picnic on the Green": This is our last week for the picnic held between 10 am - 2 pm. Join us as we gather under the tree for conversations and a sharing time with our downtown neighbours. Bring your lunch or share some of ours.



Church Parking Lot: Access to the church parking lot is now from Queen Street at Duke.

Engaging Others: Intercultural Ministry Facilitator Training Retreat

November 28, 7 pm – December 1, 4pm, 2016

Sandy Saulteaux Theological Centre, Beausejour, Manitoba

www.ccforum.ca/EngagingOthers Speak with Rev. Tiina if this interests you.

SJR Announcements

Rev. Chris Fickling is away for the following week. For Pastoral Care Emergencies please contact Rev. Tiina Cote at 519-635-5792

SJR Reads: Monday, September 26th at 1:30 p.m. in the church parlour to discuss our next book, ***A House in the Sky: A Memoir by Amanda Lindhout and Sarah Corbett*** - the One Book One Community selection for 2016. A book is available in our church library or from the KPL. A book club set has also been requested – email [Charmian P.](mailto:Charmian.P.) via the church office if you are interested in a copy from the set. Happy Reading everyone!



Book Nook: Volunteers will return in September. Instructions for borrowing books are on the desk. Take out your books for 3 weeks. Return them to the Return basket on the desk. Enjoy your summer reading!



Cellar Library Sale Extended: Continuing through August, books in the Cellar Library will be 50 cents each. The china pig will take your money. Don't miss this bargain to obtain your summer reading. Proceeds go to purchase children's books and DVDs for our Book Nook. Want to share a "good read" donate your book to the Cellar Library. Your support is appreciated.

In Our Community

African Family Revival Organization Multicultural Event: This event posted in the bulletin last week has been cancelled. Sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Last of the Food Truck Nights: Different participating food trucks on a rotating basis at Forest Hill United (Monday 4:30 – 8:00 pm) and Parkminster United (Wednesday 4:00 – 8:00pm.) Take a break from cooking supper!

Rental Units Needed: Cambridge STEP Home pilot project is a new initiative to end chronic and persistent homelessness in the community.

The program supports people living on a low income to locate permanent housing in Waterloo Region and offers tenants the supports needed to retain their housing and thrive in the community. Looking for safe, affordable housing owned by reputable and trustworthy landlords. If you can help out or are interested in more information, please contact Dana Christiaen, Housing Liaison Worker at Lutherwood cell# 226-989-2657 or by email dchristiaen@lutherwood.ca

See the Community Bulletin Board for more events

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*There are no regular hours for the SJR church office for the summer.
The office is staffed periodically - voice mail & email will be monitored.*