THE PARISH OF CAMPBELLFORD, HASTINGS AND ROSENEATH

NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER

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CHRIST CHURCH ANGLICAN

2ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 22ND, 2025~ 9:00AM

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a congregation committed to the establishment of a place and presence in which to worship God, proclaim his kingdom, and make known the love of God in Christ Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We Gather As God's People

WELCOME: If you are visiting us - Welcome!

Announcements

Welcome to our NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE.

We commit ourselves to the ongoing work of reconciliation, healing, and justice, walking alongside Indigenous Peoples with humility, empathy, and open hearts. As we worship and celebrate together, let us be mindful of our shared responsibility to protect and nurture the land, to honour the wisdom and resilience of Indigenous Peoples, and to cultivate relationships rooted in respect, understanding, and unity. In doing so, we contribute to a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate world for all.

Source: The Sacred Drum: Celebrating Indigenous Spirituality and Strength (2023 Indigenous Day of Prayer Service) written by Shane Goldie, © 2023 The United Church of Canada/L'Église Unie du Canada

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

All **We begin by acknowledging that we are in the traditional territory of the Mississauga Anishinaabe (awn-ish-in-aw-bay), adjacent to the territory of the Haudenodsaunee (ho-den-oh-show-nee), Chippewa, and Cree, on whose land and by whose waters we gather to worship in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing. May we dwell on this land with respect and peace.**

Leader The starry tent above us shows the beauty that Creator's hands have made. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. *(NRSV) Psalm 19:1*

Opening Hymn # 307
When Long Before Time

(Please Stand)

✞ Opening Prayer

Leader The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People **And also with you.**

(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)

Leader Creator, Great Spirit,

People **we thank you for gathering us today to celebrate and honour the Indigenous Peoples of Canada. As we worship, guide us to listen deeply, embrace compassion, and seek understanding. May our journey together strengthen the bonds of unity and foster the spirit of reconciliation. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

From Celebrating Indigenous Spirituality and Strength. A worship service by Shane Goldie, United Church of Canada

✞ The Collect of Forgiveness

Leader As people of faith we are committed to addressing the legacy of harm done to Indigenous Peoples by churches and governments, and to forging right relationships. Creator God,

People **We look at your world and praise you for the diversity all around us. Thank you for the gift of relationships; our connection with people, animals and the land. Help us, Lord, to see differences and diversity as strengths. Help us to listen and understand; to meet one another with wonder and anticipation. Help us to love as you love, without expectation. Reveal to us your way of reconciliation and guide us into right relationships with all living things. Lead us to understand how Indigenous peoples have been and continue to be profoundly harmed by settler people and institutions. Lead us to repent when we as settlers deny Indigenous peoples respect, dignity and fullness of life. Help us to listen compassionately, to speak humbly and to act justly. Help us to seek the peace, justice and reconciliation you desire among all your children. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Amen.**

Source: Peace and Justice Notebook 2019

✞ The Four Directions Invocation

(Please stand)

Leader Creator God, Great Spirit, we pray our thanks for the opportunity to gather in this sacred space. Here we are most aware of the gift of wind:

All **and the four directions from which it comes.**

Leader Here we are most aware of the gift of sun:

All **and the four directions on which it shines**.

Leader Here we are most aware of the gift of humanity:

All **and the four directions in which we exist.**

Leader Here we are most aware of the gift of Creation:

All **and the four directions which support our living, breathing, and being.**

Leader This day we pray thanksgiving for the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis people of Canada;

All **and we commit ourselves to be people of reconciliation in the tradition of our beloved Jesus. We pray in his name. Amen.**

Source: The Covenant of Reconciliation: Worship Service for the Indigenous Day of Prayer 2020, The United Church of Canada

We Listen to God's Word

Leader Our Old Testament reading today is taken from the NRSV version of the bible. Our canticle, *The Beatitudes*, New Testament reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians, the Gospel reading from John, and the Lord's Prayer are taken from **First Nations Version of the New Testament: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.** The First Nations Version "is a retelling of Creator's Story from the Scriptures, [and it] was birthed out of a desire to provide an English Bible that connects, in a culturally relevant way, to the traditional heart languages of the over six million English-speaking First Nations people of North America." It was first published in 2021. This August, the **First Nations Version of the Psalms and Proverbs** will be published, and we have been given permission to use Psalm 19 in this morning's service. We present these readings with honour and deep respect.

Source: Introduction to the First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, pg ix. Scripture quotations are taken from First Nations Version, copyright ©2021 by Rain Ministries Inc. Used by permission of InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. All rights reserved.

Reader A reading from the book of **Isaiah**

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is

unsearchable. He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. ISAIAH 40:25-31

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

✞ First Nations Beatitudes: Blessings of the Good Road *(Kingdom of God)*

(Please stand)

Leader When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he took a deep breath, opened his mouth, and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

All **"Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk a trail of tears, for he will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land, and sky will welcome them and always be their home. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them—full circle. "Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the**

Great Spirit. "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are the children of the Great Spirit!' "Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above. "Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

Source: Gift From Creator Tells the Good Story: The Gospel of Matthew, "Blessings of the Good Road" Chapter 5:1-11, First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, pp 6-7

Reader A reading of **Psalm 19** *First Nations Psalm 19*

For the head ceremonial singer. A sacred song of Much Loved One (David)

Day after day, the story is told, and night after night, their wisdom fills the sky.

Even though the skies above have no spoken words, all creation has heard their message.

The voice of the stars in the night sky has spoken to all the land. Their message has travelled the four directions to the furthest places on earth. Creator has pitched a tent for the sun in the sky above.

Like a groom, the sun awakens from his sleeping place in the morning and travels across the sky, like a strong young man running a well-worn path.

It rises in the east and makes its way across the circle of the sky to the west. The sun's warmth reaches out and touches every land.

Grandfather's instructions are the good medicine we need to bring healing to our souls. When he speaks, even the simple can become wise.

Grandfather's teachings are straight and true, making our hearts dance. His instructions wash us clean and show us the path of life.

A pure heart that shows deep respect to Grandfather will last for all days to come. His words of instruction blaze with truth, making our hearts clean and our vision clear.

His ways are to be desired more than the feather of a golden eagle, even more than the tail feather of a great eagle. His teachings are sweeter than honey dripping from a honeycomb.

Your ways warn us to walk with firm steps on your path. We are greatly honored when we follow them to the end of the trail.

We do not always know when we stray from the good road. So wash us clean and make our path straight.

Keep my feet from the way I know is wrong. Do not let my broken ways rule over me. Then I will be set free from my greatest enemy - myself.

May the words of my mouth and the thoughts of my heart make you sing, Grandfather. You are the rock I stand on and the One Who Sets Me Free. Amen.

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Reader **First Nations Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians: Dancing for Joy and Walking in Peace**

Always dance with joy before our Honored Chief! I will say it again: dance with joy! Let everyone see how kind and thoughtful you are. Our Honored Chief is close at hand. Do not let your hearts be weighed down with anything. Instead, with every step you take, send your

voice to the Great Spirit, asking him for the things you need. And in all your prayers remember to give him thanks. Then the peace and harmony of the Great Spirit, which goes far beyond our small and weak ways of thinking, will watch over your hearts and minds through the Chosen One, Creator Sets Free (Jesus). Last of all, my sacred family members, if anything can be seen as good and honorable, think deeply about these things. Things that are true and noble, upright and pure, full of beauty and worthy of respect. Follow the way of life you have seen in me, the things you have learned from me, heard from me, and received fr om me. Keep walking in the traditions I have passed on to you. Then the Great Spirit of Peace will continue to walk with you on this road.

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

Source: Small Man (Paul) to the Sacred Family in Village of Horses (Philippi), Chapter 4:4-9, First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, pg 363. Scripture quotations are taken from First Nations Version, copyright ©2021 by Rain Ministries Inc. Used by permission of InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. All rights reserved.

Hymn #407
Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works

✞ The Gospel

Reader A reading from the First Nations Reading from the Gospel of John: Creator's Word Comes Down
Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same.

Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out.

Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came a man named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world.

He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honor him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. They are born in a new way, not from a human father's plans or desires, but born from above—by the Great Spirit.

Creator's Word became a flesh-and-blood human being and pitched his sacred tent among us, living as one of us. We looked upon his great beauty and saw how honorable he was, the kind of honor held only by this one Son who fully represents his Father—full of his great kindness and truth.

Gift of Goodwill (John) told what he knew about him and cried out with a loud voice, "The one I have told you about is here! He comes after me, but is much greater—my elder! He has more honor, for even though he is thought to be younger, he existed before I was born."

From the fullness of his being we have all had many gifts

of kindness poured out on us. Drawn from the Water (Moses) gave us our tribal laws, but the gift of great kindness and truth came from Creator Sets Free (Jesus), the Chosen One.

No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like.

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Source: He Shows Goodwill (John) Tells the Good Story: Chapter 1:1-18, First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, pp 164-165. Scripture quotations are taken from First Nations Version, copyright ©2021 by Rain Ministries Inc. Used by permission of InterVarsity Press, Downers Grove, IL. All rights reserved.

SERMON Nancy DeKuyper
Connecting the Seven Grandfather Teachings and Matthew's Beatitudes

ANTHEM WIND UPON THE WATERS

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

✞ THE APOSTLES' CREED

Reader Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
All **I firmly believe in God the Father. Everything that He plans will come to pass. It was He who created heaven and earth. I also firmly believe in Jesus Christ, His son, who was shaped like the Lord. Our Lord was formed into a native by the Holy Spirit while Mary was a virgin. You gave Jesus life. As Lord He suffered under Pontius Pilate, He was crucified,**

He died, He was buried, He descended underground to the dead. After two days He arose from the dead. He ascended to heaven to sit at His Father's right hand. He will come again from heaven. The plans He's made for the living and the dead will come to pass. I firmly believe in all those who pray solely to the Holy Spirit honour Him by striving to be like Jesus. Blessings come together, evils are removed. I firmly believe that all humanity and all human qualities will return to heaven. Amen.

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✞ PRAYERS OD THE PEOPLE

Intercessor Let us pray.
(Kneeling or sitting as you are able)
Lord, have mercy upon us.
People **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Intercessor Lord, have mercy upon us.

✞ FIRST NATIONS THE LORD'S PRAYER

Intercessor Let us pray as Jesus taught:
People **O Great Spirit, our Father from above, we honour your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day-- the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong, in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. Guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from**

your good road, and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways. Aho! May it be so!

Source: Gift From Creator Tells the Good Story: The Gospel of Matthew, "The Way to Pray" Chapter 6:part 9-13, First Nations Version: An Indigenous Translation of the New Testament, pp 9-10

Intercessor Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your community, the Church, the Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers. In peace, we pray to you, Lord God:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor We call upon the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that it:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor We call upon the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that they:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor We call upon the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask them to:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor We call upon the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask them to:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor We call upon all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we call upon them to:
All **Teach us and show us the way.**

Intercessor Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speaks to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us.
All **But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen.**

Source: A Liturgy for National Indigenous Day of Prayer, Prepared by the Bishop's Liturgical Advisory Panel, 2024-05-24

Offertory Hymn #414
God od the Sparrow

✞ Prayer over the Gifts

Leader Creator, you bless us***All*** **with many good gifts returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

✞ A Prayer for Reconciliation

Leader Creator God,

All **we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the Centre of this Sacred Circle through all of which all creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen.**

From Indigenous Theological Training Institute planning and design team, written to accompany the Disciple's Prayer Book, anglican.ca

✞ A Collect for Covenant

Leader Creator God,

All **you call us to relationships rooted in equality and respect. This day we covenant to be more aware of the racism that the Indigenous, Métis and Inuit people of this country experience. We commit ourselves to raise our voices when we hear prejudiced comments, to guide others in the sacred direction of celebrating diversity that is Your gift to humanity. Creator God, Great Spirit, in the quiet of our hearts and through the witness of our beings we pray thanks for Your accompaniment on the journey toward individual and communal wisdom and understanding. Let us who are the Church stand in solidarity and true to Jesus' call to reconcile with sisters and brothers. Amen**

Source: Copyright The United Church of Canada 2020

✞ Grace

All **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen**

We Are Empowered For Mission

✞ Blessing

✞ Benediction Hymn

(tune: Praise God from whom all blessings flow)

Praise God the Source of life and birth,
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.

Closing Hymn #576
For the Healing of the Nations

~ Dismissal ~

Today's Readers

1st Lesson OT - Jim Peeling
Psalm - Maureen Greenwood
2nd Lesson - Mary Lou Steinmann
Gospel - Nancy DeKuyper
Prayers - Glen Woodcock

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Psalm 19 NRSV

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard; yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hid from its heat. The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults. Keep back your servant also from the insolent; do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression. Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Philippians 4:4-9 NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 1:1-18 NRSV

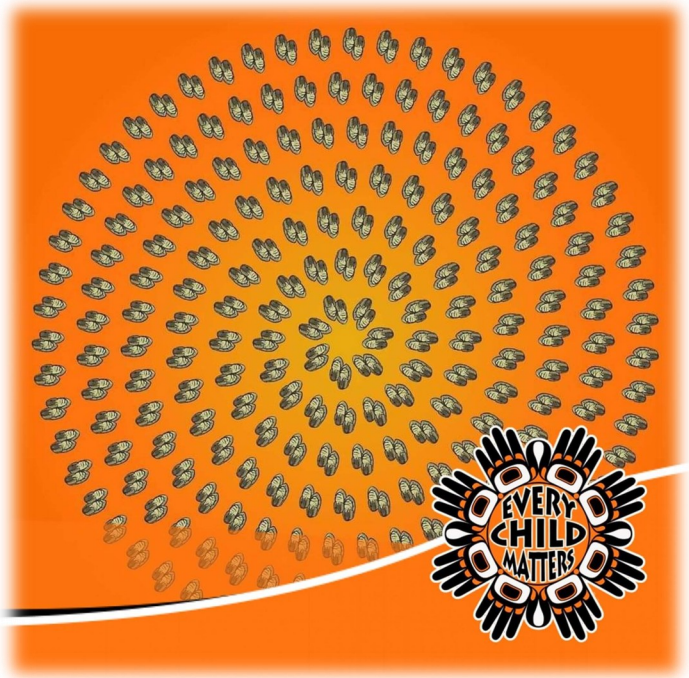
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

Next Week's	**Readers June 29th**
1st Lesson OT	Doug Harpur
Psalm	Glen Woodcock
2nd Lesson	David Fulton
Gospel	Rev. Canon Richard Miller
Prayers	Jim Peeling
Chalice	David Fulton
Chalice	Doug Harpur

Next Sunday June 29th is a combined service at Christ Church, 10am.
Please join us in worship and fellowship following the service.

JAZZ EVENSONG

St. George, Hastings
Sunday June 29th, 7pm—8pm
Refreshments to follow, Free will Offering



Next Sunday, June 29th 2025 ~ 3rd Sunday After Pentecost
Combined Service Christ Church 10am, Holy Communion
The Rev. Canon Richard Miller

Readings

2 KINGS 2:1-2, 6-14	PSALM 77:1-2, 11-20	GALATIANS 5:1, 13-25

LUKE 9:51-62

Bible readings are taken from The New Revised Standard Version.

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