



Carlisle/Kilbride United Church

**June 19, 2022**

**National Indigenous People's Day**

**97<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UC of C**

**Father's Day**

**Kilbride 9:30/Carlisle 11 am**

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## **Greeting, Announcements, and Birthdays/Anniversaries**

### **Lighting of Christ Candle and Opening Prayer:**

*(Begin drumbeat)*

One: Creator, as we light this candle, may it remind us of your Sacred Fire. You are the Great Mystery that pulses through all life.

**All: Your great heart beats within us like the beat of the drum.**

One: With all creation, we gather before you to sing and to offer you praise.

**All: We come to receive the stories and remember our ancestors in faith.**

One: Let our spirits dance before you with hearts and minds as one.

**All: May Jesus journey with us! Thanks be to God!**

One: Great Spirit, *(turn to face East)*

notice us as we gather before you.

Come to us with the power of the East.

**All: We thank you for the gift of the rising sun. May it light our path that we may journey in a good way.**

One: Come to us with the power of the South. *(turn to face South)*

**All: We thank you for the warm and gentle breezes.**

**Warm not only our bodies, but also our hearts.**

One: Come to us with the power of the West. *(turn to face West)*

**All: We thank you for the beautiful setting sun.**

**May we move in beauty all the days of our lives.**

One: Come to us with the power of the North. *(turn to face North)*

**All: We thank you for your presence when times are hard.**

**May we remember we are never alone.**

One: Come to us with the power of the Heavens. *(turn to face front, raise arms)*

**All: We raise our spirits to you like the hands**

**of a child reach to a parent.**

**Keep our minds focused on the good and the kind.**

One: Come to us with the power of the Earth. (*bow to the earth*)

**All: All we have comes from her goodness.**

**Teach us to move gently and respect her.**

One: Our hearts are now open and listening for your word. We pray in the name of our brother, Jesus, the Light in the world.

**All: Amen!**

### **Time for Reconciliation:**

As we join together this morning, we remember with gratitude that we live, love, pray, and sing within the territorial lands of the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinaabe peoples, an area covered by the Dish with One Spoon Treaty. Those who settled here bound us with their word to share the care and use of this land and uphold the rights and responsibilities associated with the Treaty. May we remember that commitment, may our worship honour that spirit of respect and cooperation, and may we continue to seek right relations with all.

### **Call to Worship:**

One: On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit brought together the church.

**All: 97 years ago, the Holy Spirit brought together  
the United Church of Canada:**

One: Methodists, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Union,  
and later, the Evangelical United Brethren and other congregations.

**All: So many changes for them, letting go of so many ways.  
Embracing new ways, trusting in a new vision  
with courage and boldness.**

One: May we be bold and act with courage and join in new ways of being church.

**All: May we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us and equip us  
for the next 97 years. Amen.**

### **Opening Hymn:** VU 633 Bless Now, O God, the Journey

If you are feeling a little adventurous, try singing along with baritone Chris Peterson and pianist Josh Chandra from Irvine United Congregational Church in California. These musicians are using a different tune than we are used to: a Swedish melody known as "Bred dina vida vingar" ("Spread your wide wings") after a hymn with the same title.

[Bless Now, O God, the Journey - YouTube](#)

1 Bless now, O God, the journey  
that all your people make,  
the path through noise and silence,

the way of give and take.  
The trail is found in desert  
and winds the mountain round,  
then leads beside still waters,  
the road where faith is found.

2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims  
who share this winding way,  
whose hope burns through the terrors,  
whose love sustains the day.  
We yearn for holy freedom  
while often we are bound.  
Together we are seeking  
the road where faith is found.

3 Divine Eternal Lover,  
you meet us on the road.  
We wait for lands of promise  
where milk and honey flow.  
But waiting not for places,  
you meet us all around.  
Our covenant is written  
on roads, as faith is found.

### **Prayer of Confession & Assurance of God's Blessing**

**Choral Response:** MV 130 Rise Up, Rise Up

Many thanks to Winfield United Church in Lake Country, BC, for sharing with the online community their recording of Linnea Good's hymn.

[Rise Up, Rise Up MV 130 - YouTube](#)

Rise up, rise up, rise up, O my soul.  
Rise up and sing this blessing to God's name.  
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### **Litany of Blessings for Fathers:**

O Giver of Life, we will be listening to your word today. Our hearts will be listening to your Spirit this morning. Those of us who are fathers particularly will be listening. Because we love our sons and daughters, like you our heavenly parent, we want our

children to be strong, wise, mature, gentle and loving. Daily bring to our hearts what and how our roles as fathers mean to these children in our lives. For those men among us who are not fathers, give us the vision and the heart to love these children as our very own.

For all of us, children, women, and men, accept our thanks for the gift of our very own lives in which each of our own fathers played a part. Some of us can easily thank you for our fathers, remembering many wonderful experiences. Others of us may not be so fortunate. Help us to find forgiveness and the ability to heal. Hear us as we express our thanks to you for giving us those who have loved us as fathers, initiated with us and encouraged us throughout our lives.

Bless the men who fathered us into birth and for the men we have called father and dad. God grant them joy.

Bless expectant fathers. God grant them patience.

Bless new fathers experiencing changes they could not predict. God grant them confidence to trust you for the future.

Bless those who never expected or wanted to be fathers.

Bless those whose desire to become a father has not been realized. God help them reach out to other children in love.

Bless all men who have assumed the father's role in a child's life. God grant them satisfaction for a job well done.

Bless those fathers whose children have gone astray, who haven't the words to reach them, and yet have never put them from their heart. God keep them steadfast.

Bless foster fathers, stepfathers, and fathers by adoption. God grant them true happiness in the mystery of fatherhood.

Bless all who have been deprived of their fathers, through war, violence or imprisonment. God grant them assurance of love sustained even in absence.

Bless our fathers who, by their words and actions, have shown us the face of our heavenly Father. God grant them guidance to continue to teach us your ways.

Bless those fathers whose parenting fell short or caused harm. God give them forgiveness.

Bless our fathers who raise children on their own. God give them strength.

Bless those who lost a child through abortion. God give them peace.

Bless the fathers and sons and daughters who have been separated because of divorce, separation or addiction. God grant that wounds may be healed, and in their loss, may forgiveness be found.

Bless fathers who balance work outside the home and within. God give them clarity.

Bless those we call father, who showed us how to throw a ball or cook a meal, who taught us how to drive and showed mercy upon us for the dents. God keep them.

Bless those we call father, who kissed away our hurts, calmed all our fears, and protected us as best they could. God grant them honour.

Bless fathers who have been rejected. God grant them serenity.

Bless those whose fathers have left home in search of work in another land. God give them patience and hope till they are reunited.

Bless the men whose arms ache to cradle their own children, for fathers who have borne the pain of losing a child. God grant them peace and hope.

Bless fathers who have laid down their lives for their children. God grant them eternal peace.

Giver of Life, we pray to you this day, for the men who have taken up the trust of fatherhood in our lives. We thank you for the gift of these men in our lives. We thank you for their strength and integrity. We honour their patience and sacrifices. For all fathers, living or dead, those nearby or those distanced by miles, disease, or division, grant that they all may be embraced and strengthened by the loving arms of God, the one Parent of us all.

**All: Amen.**

**Hymn:** VU 427 To Show by Touch and Word

Thank you to Jonathan Wong for his instrumental music ministry. The hymn music was composed by Ron Klusmeier (lyrics below by Fred Kaan), which Wong arranged, performed, and produced with assistance from Christina Bogucki (video) and Chuck

Kroeker (guitar). Wong is playing cello, bass, and organ in this piece – a multi-instrumentalist!

[To Show by Touch and Word \(arr. J Wong, music by Ron Klusmeier\) - YouTube](#)

- 1 To show by touch and word devotion to the earth,  
to hold in full regard all life that comes to birth,  
we need, O God, the will to find  
the good you had of old in mind.
- 2 Renew our minds to choose the things that matter most,  
our hearts to long for truth till pride of self is lost.  
For every challenge that we face  
we need your guidance and your grace.
- 3 Let love from day to day be yardstick, rule, and norm,  
and let our lives portray your word in human form.  
Now come with us that we may have  
your wits about us where we live.

**Prayer of Illumination:** Let us hear and ponder – and wonder – and take it in – the mystery and the promise, the challenge and the hope that all lie here within the words of our Faith Stories. Amen.

**Scripture: 1 Kings 19: 1-15a**

19Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. <sup>2</sup>Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.” <sup>3</sup>Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there. <sup>4</sup>But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: “It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors.” <sup>5</sup>Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, “Get up and eat.” <sup>6</sup>He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. <sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, “Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” <sup>8</sup>He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

<sup>9</sup>At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>10</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I

alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>11</sup>He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; <sup>12</sup>and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. <sup>13</sup>When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” <sup>14</sup>He answered, “I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” <sup>15</sup>Then the Lord said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus.

**Hymn:** VU 272 Open Your Ears, O Faithful People (x2)

With a little movie magic, Christopher Prestia from Good Shepherd Lancaster in Pennsylvania performs this hymn with eight different instruments: organ, cello, voice (x2), and percussionist (x4)! The hymn was written by Willard Jabusch, who has composed about 40 hymn tunes and 100 hymn texts, often pairing them with eastern European and Israeli folk tunes. This one is no different: it uses a Hasidic traditional tune and (in this performance) incorporates a little Hebrew – the expression "Torah ora" means that the Torah is light/illumination/joy.

[Pentecost 6 2021 Hymn of the Day: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People - YouTube](#)

- 1     Open your ears, O faithful people,  
          open your ears and hear God's word.  
Open your hearts, O faithful people,  
          God now speaks to you.  
          God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
          And those words are words of wisdom,  
          hallelujah! Hallelujah!
  
- 2     They who have ears to hear the message,  
          they who have ears, now let them hear.  
They who would learn the way of wisdom,  
          Let them hear God's word.  
          God has spoken to the people, hallelujah!  
          And those words are words of wisdom,  
          hallelujah! Hallelujah!

**Scripture: Luke 8: 26-39**

<sup>26</sup> Then they arrived at the region of the Gerasenes,<sup>[a]</sup> which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup> As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn<sup>[b]</sup> any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," <sup>29</sup> for Jesus<sup>[c]</sup> had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) <sup>30</sup> Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup> They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup> Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons<sup>[d]</sup> begged Jesus<sup>[e]</sup> to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

<sup>34</sup> When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. <sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. <sup>37</sup> Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes<sup>[f]</sup> asked Jesus<sup>[g]</sup> to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus<sup>[h]</sup> sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

## Sermon

**Hymn: One Day as Jesus Traveled** by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (tune VU 331)

This 2016 hymn is based on today's scripture about Jesus healing the man with demons in Gerasene by sending the demons into swine. Although it can be sung to a couple of different tunes, the one in this recording is "Aurelia," which we know from the hymn "The Church's One Foundation." Rob Charles performs this tune on the organ at All Saint's Church in Oystermouth, a village in the district of Mumbles, Swansea, South Wales. All Saint's is an Anglican church estimated to have been originally built in the mid-12<sup>th</sup> century.

[The Church's One Foundation by Organist Rob Charles - YouTube](#)

One day as Jesus traveled to places wild, untold,  
He met a man unraveled by evil's awful hold.  
The demons that possessed him saw Christ and screamed in fear;  
They knew, in their resisting, their days were numbered here.

That man knew only suffering, a life of grief and pain;  
He could not yet imagine that he'd be whole again.  
The demons cried to Jesus, "Just send us to those swine!"  
When evil faces goodness, it seeks a new design.

When goodness meets great evil, when faith encounters sin,  
The field is never level, for God's great love will win.  
Yet legions cry in anger while clinging to their days;  
They seek to trouble longer, to harm in other ways.

When churches seek to practice the faith with which we're blessed  
By seeking love and justice and helping the oppressed,  
So often there is tension that tears the heart and soul,  
A struggle, a resisting of all that makes us whole.

The demons cried to Jesus, "Just send us to those swine!"  
Yet soon those pigs stampeded right down a steep incline.  
For things that bring destruction will one day fall away;  
And God is surely bringing a new and joyful day.

**Stewardship Second:** Inspire, Invite, and Thank. Good stewardship is all about relationships. You work with God to create, redeem, and sustain the world.

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Holy One, we bring these gifts with thanksgiving and with joyous hearts for Christ lives in each act of kindness and self-giving. Let Christ live in each life touched by the giving and receiving of these gifts. Amen.

**Prayers of the People:**

As part of Horseshoe Falls Region, each week we hold a community of Faith in our prayers. This week we pray for our sister church, [Lynden](#). We pray for their ministry and spiritual wellbeing.

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**Closing Hymn:** VU 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

I hope you enjoy this unique performance by American contemporary Christian musician Jimmy Needham with Elizabeth Jemaneh. The lyrics to this hymn were written by Thomas Chisholm, an American school teacher, newspaper editor, minister, life insurance agent, and writer of about 1200 poems. Chisholm sent a collection of his poetry – including "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – to his friend and fellow Methodist minister William Runyan, who wrote music to 20-25 of Chisholm's texts over the years. [Great Is Thy Faithfulness – Jimmy Needham - YouTube](#)

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;  
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow -  
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -  
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

## **Benediction**

### **Online Postlude:**

In honour of National Indigenous Peoples' Day and Father's Day, I am sharing videos of Indigenous men's dance. The first link features two men facing off in a chicken dance at Rocky Boy's Reservation in Montana, while the second features three-time World Champion hoop dancer Dallas Arcand from the Alexander First Nation (Kipohtakaw)

Treaty 6 in Alberta. The hoops often weave together to create images from nature such as birds and other animals – what shapes do you see in the hoops? "Indomitable," the final link, is a contemporary song by DJ Shub featuring the seven-time Grammy-nominated Northern Cree Singers. The video itself won Best Music Video in the 2017 Native American Music Awards and a large portion was filmed on Six Nations Grand River Territory. Although it includes several types of dance, the primary one is, I believe, known as a fancy or fancy feather dance. I hope you enjoy these wonderful expressions of culture, art, and athleticism!

[Nelson Baker vs. Marty Thurman 2009 - YouTube](#)

[Dallas arcand 2016 world championship hoop dance contest round 2 - YouTube](#)

[DJ Shub - Indomitable ft. Northern Cree Singers \(Official Video\) - YouTube](#)

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### **Announcements:**

**1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays:** Devotional Group on Zoom at 9:30-11 am

**June 18:** Live Concert with "Sean and The Mothballs" in the field behind Carlisle United at 4 pm; free-will donation in support of refugee sponsorship; bring a lawn chair; hotdogs, hamburgers, and drinks available