



6th Sunday of Easter, Liturgical colour – White
May 5, 2024

**National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and
Two-Spirit People (MMIWG2S)**

Note: Bold type everyone says together.
***indicates to stand as you are able**

Prelude *May Be* by Yiruma Denise Jung, piano

Welcome

Unison Land Acknowledgement

GOD GATHERS US

Responsive Call to Worship (adapted from a *Memorial Service Honouring Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women and Girls - Acknowledging A National Sin, Stratford, 2018*)

The Grace and Peace that Creator God alone can give be with you all.

We walk the sacred path this day with our brothers and sisters.

We honour and remember the murdered and missing women and girls knowing the violence and injustice that still occurs in our world.

Help us to listen and then speak the truth in the name of Jesus who brings healing to the hurting and light in the darkness.

Help us to grow in relationship with all of God's beloved children;

through Reconciliation and Peace as we are guided by the winds of the Spirit, the love of Jesus and the embrace of the Creator.

***Hymn** VU 271 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Opening Prayer and Unison Prayer of Confession (on screen)

Assurance of Pardon

Passing the Peace

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***Hymn** VU 606 "In Christ there is no East or West" vs 1-3 (youth come forward on verse 3)

Youth Connection, Changing the World – A heart full of Joy
followed by the Prayer that Jesus taught us

Hymn VU 606 "In Christ there is no East or West" verse 4

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN WORD & SONG

Psalm Reading Psalm 98 (VU p. 818) read by Alf Langner

Music Ministry Senior Choir

Gospel reading John 15: 9-17 read by Alf Langner

Message Where is Love?

GOD CALLS US TO LOVE and TO SERVE

Offering Invitation

***Offering Hymn** VU 543 We Give Thee But Thine Own verse 1

***Unison Prayer of Dedication**

Creator God, we offer our gifts with grateful hearts, recognizing how much you have given us in Christ, and what that gift has cost. Empower these gifts to spread the hope and joy we feel today in the world you love, in the name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers that Unite Our Hearts (*adapted from prayers of the people, The Right Rev'd Linda Nichols, Bishop of Huron, on the occasion of a Memorial Service for MMIWG – A National Sin, Stratford, 2018*)

The response to today's prayers:

Creator of all

We bring our prayers to you

Life and Work of Calvary

Minute for Mission "The Path toward Healing: Murray Pruden's Work" Linda Baker

***Hymn** VU 602 "Blest be the tie that binds"

***Responsive Commissioning and Benediction** (on screen)
(*adapted from Rev Gord's Worship Offerings on blogspot.com*)

***Choral Blessing** Go Now In Peace Don Besig & Nancy Price

Postlude *My Tribute* arr Glenda Austin Denise Jung, piano