

CLOSING WORSHIP SERVICE GC42
Friday, August 14th, 2015

Call to Give Thanks/Appel à l'action de grâces

Etienne: I wonder what one thing you are thankful for from the week!

Sing: Praise God from whom all blessings flow - french and english

GC42 WEEK IN REVIEW (PHOTOS) (As I went down to the river - Hold onto the Rock)

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE - Evelyn Jones and Janet and Covenant Rocks

CHOIR - Draw the Circle Wide - keep it going

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE with Prayer Fish - Mike Gibbons - french/english - DRUM

Creator God, hear the prayers of your people gathered here

Dieu créateur, entends les prières de ton peuple rassemblé ici.

Souviens-toi de ton Église.

Nous prions pour tous ceux et celles qui servent dans divers ministères, dans les paroisses et les assemblées décisionnelles de l'Église Unie.

Mike Pray: (Pause) Remember your people.

We pray for all your people who strive to live out their faith
in offices, schools, homes and neighbourhoods.

We pray for all who are in sorrow or pain,
all who are ill or alone,
and all who live with fear, oppression, or anxiety.

Mike Pray: Souviens-toi des endroits de souffrance dans notre monde.

Nous prions pour les nations dans leur quête de paix et de justice,
pour leurs dirigeants et leurs dirigeantes qui luttent pour les besoins de leurs populations,
ainsi que pour tous ceux et celles que le monde considère les derniers, les dernières, et les
moindres.

Mike Pray: Remember your good creation.

We pray that we might have eyes to see
where we can be instruments of peace,
practicing good stewardship for the sake of all creatures

With whom we share this home.

Mike prays: Et en rassemblant ces prières et toutes celles qui nous habitent,
nous prions chacun et chacune dans la langue du chant de notre cœur,
reconnaissant que nous pouvons nous tourner vers toi, telle une Mère affectueuse

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

Amen - Dawn sings

Installation of the Moderator

PRESENTATION - Gary Paterson / Nora Sanders (PLAY NEW CREED MUSIC UNDER)

Moderator Gary: We are gathered here in the presence of God to celebrate a new ministry
and to covenant together for the service of God.

Nora: We present to you, Rev. Jordan Cantwell, whom this council has elected to
preside over the life and work of the United Church of Canada until such time as her
successor comes to office, that she may be installed in the office of Moderator.

Moderator Gary: Jordan, you are here at the call of the 42nd General Council
of the United Church of Canada. Are you ready to answer this call?

Jordan: I am ready and willing.

Moderator Gary: And so I turn to you who are here, Dear friends in Christ, do you believe
that Jordan by God's grace, is worthy to be installed as Moderator?

All: We believe that Jordan is worthy. Glory be to God.

Moderator Gary: May the God who has given us the will to do these things
give us the power and grace to perform them. **All: Amen.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL FAITH

Gary: Let us stand and with the whole church confess our faith.

SING: New Creed

STATEMENT OF MINISTRY - *Jordan comes forward at the invitation of Gary.*

MV#161 - I HAVE CALLED YOU BY YOUR NAME played under

Gary: All my Relations, Friends in Christ,
all the baptized are called to Christ's ministry,
both within the church and beyond it.
Now you are called, by the grace of God and the will of this council,

to a particular ministry as Moderator of The United Church of Canada.

It is given to you to serve the council by presiding at this Eucharistic table and at its business proceedings.

You are called, further, to interpret the mind of the council to the church and to the community at large.

You are to be a servant of the Word among the conferences, presbyteries, and congregations of The United Church of Canada and to exercise pastoral care for all its people.

That you may fulfill this ministry, you are counselled to seek the help and guidance of God and to call upon the support that we, the members of this council, promise you this day.

That this General Council may know your mind and will, we ask you:

Lorna StandingReady: Do you believe in God who created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, and who works in us and others by the Holy Spirit? **Jordan: I do**

Rev. Bae, Tae Jin (Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea) Will you exercise your ministry in accordance with the scriptures and in continuity with the faith of the church? **Jordan: I will.**

Mary Mohn: Will you with Christ's people, be faithful in prayer and in the study of scripture, that you may know discern God's calling **Jordan: I will.**

Bishop Michael Oulton: Will you boldly proclaim and interpret the Gospel of Christ by word and sacrament, that the people of God will be strengthened and that God's reign will be advanced? **Jordan: I will.**

Julia: Will you be faithful in the pastoral care of all whom you are called to served, : caring and being cared for, labouring together to build up the household of God?

Jordan: I will.

Gary: Will you diligently perform the duties of your office within the polity of The United Church of Canada? **Jordan: I will.**

Sing: I have called you by your name - MV#161 vs 1 & 2 - keeping playing as people come up: Laying on of hands people come up - Tracy, Joshua, Laura, Lorna, Sheldon, Gary, Nora

PROMISES OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL - *members of council stand, Jordan kneels*

Gary: Let us pray....
 Gracious God, whose Spirit has ever blessed the church
 with varieties of gifts for the works of ministry,
 we thank you that you have blessed us
 with gifts that enrich our lives together
 and strengthen our witness and service in the world.
 Surtout nous merci pour les cadeaux particuliers
 qui vous serviteur, Jordan, amène au bureau
 de Modérateur de L'Eglise Unie de Canada.

By your grace, enable Jordan to exercise this ministry
 with wisdom and humor, courage and compassion,
 to the glory of your name; fthrough Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Moderator Gary, together with those appointed lays on hands and continues to pray.

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon your servant, Jordan
 that she may minister faithfully in the office of Moderator
 of The United Church of Canada **All: Amen.**

SING: I have called you by your name vs 3 & 4

PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS (*Dave - drumming underneath*)

Moderator Gary: Receive this stole. Exercise your ministry as Moderator
 of The United Church of Canada.

FIRST NATIONS ELDER - Jim White:

Receive this talking stick.

Exercise your ministry as a presenter of feasts and a leader on the journey

Peggy Mulambya-Kabonde: Receive this cloth.

Exercise your ministry aware of all God's people.

Max: Receive this Bowl of Possibilities: Exercise your ministry of hope, promise and new
 life

Phyllis: Receive this prayer shawl. Exercise your ministry as a weaver of diverse
 strands reminding you of the yoke that is easy and the burden that is light.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NORA SANDERS: Friends in Christ, I present to you your
 new moderator The Very Reverend (new *moderator*). (clapping☺)

In the spirit of celebration we offer our gifts to the Mission & Service Fund.

MOVIE - M&S video

Dedication Prayer: Nora Sanders

**Holy One,
Bless our offerings and transform them into compassion for others
into community for the lonely, and hope for the church and the world. Amen.**

Très Saint,

**Bénis nos offrandes et transforme-les en compassion pour autrui,
en communauté pour les personnes esseulées, et en espoir pour l'Église et pour le monde.
Amen**

We Listen to the Word

SCRIPTURE READING - Etienne and Danielle - Mark 6:33-44

April Hart drew four images to go with the service, they are also available on the website:

SILENT REFLECTION

REFLECTION New Moderator Rev. Jordan Cantwell

HYMN: Spirit of Gentleness VU#375 chorus vs 1,4, chorus

Invitation to the Table/Invitation à la table *(Gary and Jordan preside)*

Gary: Le Seigneur soit avec vous

All: **Qu'il soit aussi avec vous.**

Gary: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to the Lord

Gary: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Jordan: Our hearts pause to remember the goodness of God's creation

All/ Tous et toutes: VU#951

¡Santo, santo, santo,

¡mi corazón, mi corazón le adora!

Mi corazón se alegra de decir las palabras: ¡Usted es santo, Dios!

Holy, holy, holy,

My heart, my heart adores you!

My heart is glad to say the words,

You are holy, God!

Gary:

Behind and Before us stretch the days of pilgrimage;

Behind and Before us stretch the dark nights of the soul nights of struggle;
 Before us – our journey and the churches journey.
 O God, you are with us.
 You gift us with the one we follow:

Teacher, Healer, Table-turner,
 The one who eats and drinks with sinners,
 Companion, the one who breaks bread with us.
 True vine, the one who shares life's cup with us.
 Seeking bread for the journey
 the journey we call Life
 Seeking the wine of refreshment for our pilgrimage days,
 We come to this table for provisions.
(hold up the elements)

We come to this table in hope:

Derrière comme devant nous s'allongent les jours de pèlerinage;

derrière comme devant nous s'allongent les obscures nuits du combat de l'âme;
 devant nous – se déploient notre marche et le trajet de l'Église.

Ô Dieu, tu es avec nous.

Tu nous fais le don de celui à la suite duquel nous marchons :

le maître, le guérisseur, lui qui renverse les tables, lui qui mange et boit avec les pécheurs, le compagnon, lui qui rompt le pain avec nous. La vraie vigne, lui qui partage la coupe de la vie avec nous.

En quête du pain pour le voyage, cette traversée que nous nommons la vie,

en quête du vin pour nous désaltérer au long des jours de pèlerinage,

nous venons à cette table nous ravitailler,
(Élévation des éléments)

nous venons à cette table avec espérance:

All/ Tous et toutes:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again!

Christ est mort, Christ est ressuscité, Christ reviendra!

Jordan:

And so we remember.

And so we re-enact.

And so we are encouraged.

As Jesus did with his friends,

Even as one betrayed him,

He took the bread, blessed the bread, broke the bread, gave the bread.

This is my life, broken for you.

He took the cup, gave thanks, offered:

This is my life, poured out for you.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Bread for the Journey, Amen.

Ainsi nous faisons mémoire;

à nouveau, nous refaisons les gestes,

et nous y trouvons le réconfort.

Tel Jésus en compagnie de ses proches,

même alors que l'un d'eux le trahissait :

il prit le pain, bénit le pain, rompit le pain, partagea le pain.

Ceci est ma vie, brisée pour vous.

Il prit la coupe, rendit grâce, et la leur présenta :

Ceci est ma vie, versée pour vous.

Voici les dons de Dieu pour le peuple de Dieu.

Pain pour la route. Amen.

(written by barb janes/ rédigé par barb janes)

SING/ CHANT: MV##202 - BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY (French and English)

Fraction and Pouring/ Fraction et déversement

Gary:

Bread for the journey.
Pain pour la route.
(bread is broken/ le pain est rompu)

New M:

The wine of arrival.
Le vin de la destination.
(wine is poured/ le vin est versé)

Distribution of Communion/ *Distribution de la communion*

SING/ *CHANT:*

MV#135 - Called by Earth and Sky
VU#468 - Let us talents and tongues employ
WE come from the Fire

We Go Forth in Service

COMMISSIONING THE EXECUTIVE: Stand at your tables - reach out and bless

COMMISSIONING THE COMMISSIONERS

Executive Secretary Nora Sanders: Commissioners, would you please rise in body or in spirit: Thank you for all you have done in serving the church thus far and participation in the 42nd General Council 2015. You were sent here by your presbyteries and conferences in order to share your gifts of discernment and leadership. So it is that we call you to continue to serve the United Church of Canada in your capacity as Commissioners until the rise of the 43rd General Council 2018. Will you continue to serve the church by telling the story of the Spirit's movement and the decisions made at the 42nd General Council?

Commissioners: I will, God being my helper.

Nora Sanders:

Will you pray for those who serve all courts of the church?
Soutiendrez-vous par la prière ceux et celles qui servent dans toutes les assemblées décisionnelles de l'Église?

Commissioners/ *Personnes déléguées:*

I will, God being my helper.
Je le ferai, avec l'aide de Dieu.

Nora Sanders:

May God richly bless you as you continue your service.
Puisse Dieu vous bénir abondamment dans la poursuite de votre service.

Lorna Standingready tobacco sending forth

Maya - Invite to Take a Prayer Fish

HYMN: Do We Dare

BENEDICTION: New Moderator

HYMN: Praise the Mother

And On this Path Lord You are Goods

Dancing out - Flags Go out in the Four Directions