

Wednesday August 12, 2015 - Sabbath

We are called to be the church: to live with respect in creation

Worship Part 1: (15 mins) - ELEMENT of SABBATH time

Gathering Music:

Opening Prayer in a seated silent circle (live feed) *using Louise Routledge's movement*

Covenant (Maya will decide what languages, including Gabrielle Lamouche)

MV 141 – We are all one people (the first part)

Prayer in Four Directions (live feed follows the light)

stand and turn, showing us a different perspective, Maggie to write

Four people walk candles in from directions to Light the Christ Candle with music underneath on table that's there with the four colours on as well.

4 lanterns – black and white and yellow and red banners at each corner – representing ages

MV 141 – We are all one people - 2nd part – Janet Sigurdson to join us

Scripture Readings – each of Candle walkers read in their language
(English on the screen)

#1. Genesis 2:2 By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.

#2. Then Jesus said, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. (New Living Translation)

#3. Matthew 5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

#4. Luke 12: 22 He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. 24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?[d] 26 If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? 27 27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin;[e] yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 28 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! 29 And do not keep striving

for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. **30** For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your God knows that you need them. **31** Instead, strive for God's [f] kin-dom, and these things will be given to you as well.

VU 238 How Great Thou Art

(English, French, Mohawk)

And all the people said: Amen

- Business Break - announcements not after worship

Worship Part 2: 20 minutes:

upstairs or around the court

move out of business with:

MV 145 - Draw the Circle Wide

moving into a circle – light into the four directions again? people to help usher?

Possibly followed by the video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3p6Zc9mc9wA> **(they sing about Cree values, meeting challenges, strength to stand strong, history of the people, understanding and respecting life, remembering what mother earth offers, loving one another, what life is like in the Cree Nation, my heart is connected to where I come from.**

First Nations Teaching – on tobacco 5 min Lorna StandingReady

MV 135 Called By Earth and Sky

Choruses Alternate between English & French

Closing Blessing – *Former Moderator Stan McKay*

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Said In English, French and Cree

Tobacco ties to go to each person at the doorways in baskets – handed out by people who helped make them (ANC and ANCC and youth pilgrims)

The United Church of Canada General Council 42 – Corner Brook, Newfoundland

Prayer for worship on Wednesday, August 12th.

After introducing the direction the Leader will pause allowing enough time for the people to make the shift in direction.

We are all one people. We come from one Creator. Thanks be to God.
Let us unite in prayer acknowledging the four directions.

Facing east, *(pause)* from the direction where light breaks forth we praise you God of all Life.

From a place of new beginnings Jesus calls us to become like a child, giving us the capacity to believe in possibilities – both seen and unseen. May of sparks of faith embolden us. *(pause)*

Facing south, *(pause)* we celebrate warm breezes and youthful vitality. We are aware how this is the season in which we must prepare for the future. We pray that summer's generosity will sustain all the peoples of the world in the coming winter. *(pause)*

Facing west, *(pause)* where the absence of light sometimes creates in us an uncertainty that tests us. Abiding One, we remember that you will accompany us as we seek to shut out the clamour, embrace the stillness, and pray, as Jesus prayed, for perseverance and direction. *(pause)*

Facing north, *(pause)* a place of white snow that reminds us of the Wise Ones who possess the ability to remember, synthesize, understand, and interpret. The arrival of winter brings invitation for the earth to rest. Today, as we embrace Sabbath, may each one of us be strengthened and empowered to fulfill our purpose for this time and place.

Returning now, to face on another, *(pause)* with eyes-wide open we see the circle before us has no beginning and no ending. And so, we praise you, Great and Holy God, for your unending promise of new life. Amen.