

# First United Church

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Indigenous Sunday, June 19, 2022      10:30 a.m.

Purpose: Building Relationships,  
Living God's Transforming Love.

## Gathering

<b>Prelude</b>	Healer of our Every Ill	M. Haugen, arr. Mark Hayes
	Many and Great	Native American melody, arr. John Carter
	Pass it On (It Only takes a Spark)	K. Kaiser, arr. Mark Hayes

**Territorial and Treaty Acknowledgement** (Sharon Gowland)

**Welcome and Announcements** (Lee Willingham)

Welcome Special Guests, Kelly Laurila and Al McDonald

- **Introit:** *Let there be Light* Verses 1-2 VU 679

- Procession of the Light

Candles representing the Anishnaabe Seven Sacred Teachings are lit  
Christ candle is lit simultaneously

We light these candles, representing the wisdom of the seven sacred teachings, and  
Christ, the Light of the World.

May this light guide us to truth talking and to travelling good paths. May we in turn share  
the light with those we meet until it spreads to all peoples worldwide.

- **Call to Worship** (Kelly and Lee)

(During call to worship the church is filled with sage smoke from smudging)

Kelly: In the presence of Creator, we gather: People carrying burdens we may not know  
about looking for comfort; folks needing their spirits refreshed.

All: **We draw together hoping for that touch that will enliven us, longing to be  
embraced in arms of love and understanding. Help us to put aside our differences  
and see the earth as you see it, boundary-free.**

Lee: You call us all: babies, toddlers on unsteady feet, school-age children with curious  
minds, teens with questing spirits, full of youthful confidence one moment and like  
frightened children the next.

All: **We are called, as adults trying to take good paths watching out for the next generations, and those easing into their winter years passing on our teachings. We are all kin in this meeting place whether we gather in person or through technology, our spirits joining to say meegwetch for all that we have been blessed with. Thanks be to Creator for the goodness in our lives. Amen.**

- **Hymn:** *Creator God You Gave Us Life* (MV 27)

## **Focus on Teachings and the Word**

**The Seven Sacred Teachings** (How to be a good human being) Kelly and Lee

Wisdom  
Humility  
Bravery  
Honesty  
Wisdom  
Truth  
Love

**Ministry of Music:** Beauty All Around Us      quoting a Navajo poem, music by Larry Nickel  
Choir

**Meditation** All My Relations

Kelly Laurila

- **Hymn:** Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness VU 375

**Time of Offering** (Lee)

**My Unsettling Journey Within:** Shirley Irish

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Wisdom in Four Directions  
(People face the direction led by the readers.)

FIRST READER: Mary Joan Brooker - Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name.  
We face East:

**ALL Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come**

SECOND READER: Walt Brooker - We turn to the South

**ALL Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come**

THIRD READER: Jana Heemskerk - We turn to the West

**ALL Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come**

FOURTH READER: Rick Heemskerk - We turn North

**ALL Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come**

FIFTH READER: Kelly - We turn to complete the circle:

**ALL Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come**

Lee:

**Prayers of the People** (Nancy Lennox)

Hear us as we give thanks...

(At this point, during the silence, members of the congregation are invited to come forward to the front and offer the tobacco as a prayer.)

**SILENCE**

We pray as well in the Spirit of Christ, whose words continue to guide our lives today as we say: (*An Indigenous friend of Jesus' version of the Lord's Prayer*)

**ALL: O Great Spirit, our parent from above,  
Your name is sacred and holy,  
Bring your good road to us where the beauty of your ways in the world above is  
reflected in the earth below,  
Provide for us day by day—the elk, the buffalo, the salmon, the corn, the squash,  
the wild rice—all those good things we need.  
Release us from the things we have done wrong  
In the same way we release others from the things done wrong to us.  
And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road.  
Aho and Amen.**

**Travelling Song:** Baamaapii Gigawabamin - Until later, see you again. (Kelly)

• **Benediction and Sending Forth:** (Kelly and Lee)

Amen, Amen, Hallelujah, Amen

VU 974

**Recession of the fire and light**

**Postlude** Trumpet Tune on "Gather Us In" Marty Haugen, setting by Mark Himmelmann  
"Here in this place, new light is streaming,  
now is the darkness vanished away."