

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
VISIONS UNITED CHURCH  
INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER**

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**DATE JUNE 18, 2023**

**Proper 6**

*\*Stand as you are able*

**Welcome**

*For the powerpoint person....*

**Gathering**

As we gather for worship, we acknowledge that we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territory of the Wabanaki peoples predominantly the Mi'kmaq and the Wolastoqiyik. May we live in peace and friendship with its peoples.

**LIGHTING THE CANDLES**

One: Peace we are called to live be with You!

**All: And also with you!**

**Sharing Our WOW Moments**

**CALL TO WORSHIP:**

From the north and from the south,  
from the east and from the west,  
from Shediac and from Bathurst  
God calls us together to worship and serve.

**God, we hear you calling!**

Out of poverty and wealth,  
out of health and disease,  
out of whatever circumstance in which we live,  
God calls us together to worship and serve.

**God, we come together in answer!**

Out of a spirit of jubilation and despair,  
out of times of hope and uncertainty,  
out of whatever state our heart is in,  
God calls us together to worship and serve.

**And we respond in love!**

**Gathering Prayer**

You name us, O God,  
with grace we do not fully grasp;  
for you call us to love as we have been loved.

You send us, O God,  
to persons and communities in need;  
for you call us to see and respond with compassion.

In following your call,  
strengthen us to follow  
your example in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**\*Song:** VU #365 Jesus Loves Me

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## **Theme Conversation for all ages**

*For the Powerpoint person... Indigenous Day of Prayer is the theme conversation*

### **READINGS**

**FIRST TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 18:1-15, (21:1-7)**

***A son is promised to Abraham and Sarah.***

**GOSPEL READING: Matthew 9:35–10:8, (9-23)**

***Jesus and the disciples preach and heal.***

### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**MESSAGE:** Go and Tell

**Song:** VU #371 Open My Eyes

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### **Our Community Prays**

#### **An Offering of All Gifts**

#### **Prayer of Dedication**

**We bring our gifts to remember your steady will  
to bring renewal and new life, O God.**

**May they help to bring order where there is chaos  
and memory where there is forgetfulness.**

**In our giving may we participate  
in building your reign of mercy. Amen.**

**\*Song:** VU #288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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#### **Blessing:**

The harvest is large,  
but there are not many workers to gather it in.

**We are God's servants.**

Jesus gathered his followers  
and sent them out to change the world.

**We are God's servants.**

To proclaim the gospel. To heal.  
To bring new life. To challenge the forces of evil.

**We are God's servants.**

Jesus sent them to be his hands, his feet, his voice.

**We are God's servants.**

Go and serve in the name and power of Jesus Christ.

**We are God's servants. Amen.**

#### **Postlude Music for the Journey**

***Thank You for Joining Us!  
May Each of Us Carry the Spirit into the world with us.***

Worship Leader: Rev. Audrey Lounder