

June 14, 2015 - 90th Anniversary of the United Church of Canada

(Portions of the service that are in **BOLD** are to be said by all. All points marked * those who are able are invited to stand.)

Gathering Hymn – "We are the Church" (announcements - last page)

Words of Welcome

* Hymn MV #1 – "Let Us Build a House" (vs. 1,4 & 5)

Opening Prayer

Holy One, this day marks 90 years of being The United Church of Canada. We celebrate with joy, all the good that has been done in every generation. We also recognize that the other side of joy is sorrow, caused when we have tried and failed to live out this love in action. We pause to honour those who have gone before us: leaders, educators, preachers, administrators, caregivers, dishwashers, builders, bakers, storytellers, peacemakers, musicians, and so many more—all part of the cloud of witnesses. As we lean into the future, trusting in the Spirit's guidance, we honour the United Church's deep desire to live into right relations with First Nations people, its commitment to the intercultural church that we are becoming, and the shared joy of journeying together in hope. May God's possibilities abound. AMEN

Scripture Reading – Mark 4: 26-34

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

THANKS BE TO GOD!

Children's Time / The Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU #315 - "Holy, Holy, Holy" (vs. 1)

The United Church of Canada Crest: "Introduction" Karen Viveiros

* Hymn VU #332 (vs. 1), #331 (vs.1 & 2) – The Church's One (sung at first United Church service in 1925)

The UCC Crest "It's All Greek to Me" Bob Mann

Hymn MV #217 – "Hey Ney Yana"

The UCC Crest: "God's Truth" Amber Cechvala-Cottreau

Anthem - "Celebrate and Sing with Praise"

The UCC Crest: "A Dove Descending" Bob Galston

* Hymn VU #333 – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (vs. 1 & 2)

The UCC Crest: "On Fire!" Morag Fisher

* Hymn VU #365 – "Jesus Loves Me"

Presentation of Our Lives and Offerings

* Sung Response – Doxology (VU #541) – English & French

The UCC Crest: "The Beginning and the End" Hugh Montgomery

Prayers of the People

The UCC Crest: "Fishing for a Different Catch" Kelsey Shiaro

Hymn VU #567 – "Will You Come and Follow Me" (vs.1)

The UCC Crest: "Conclusion" Sylvia Mann

- * Hymn "Northern Lights" (see insert)
- * Benediction / Response A New Creed (see insert)

We thank *Glenda Thornton*, while at Centenary - Queen Square U.C., Saint John, NB and *Maya Landell* of Innerkip - Eastwood Pastoral Charge, Ont. for their design of this service.

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Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson, Minister Luci Toews, Church Administrator Myrna Hagues, Organist Heather Karavas, Liturgist Patrick Woodbeck, Associate Minister Laura Steidl, Music Director Jessica Steidl, Joyful Noise Director Gina Grant, Custodian

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