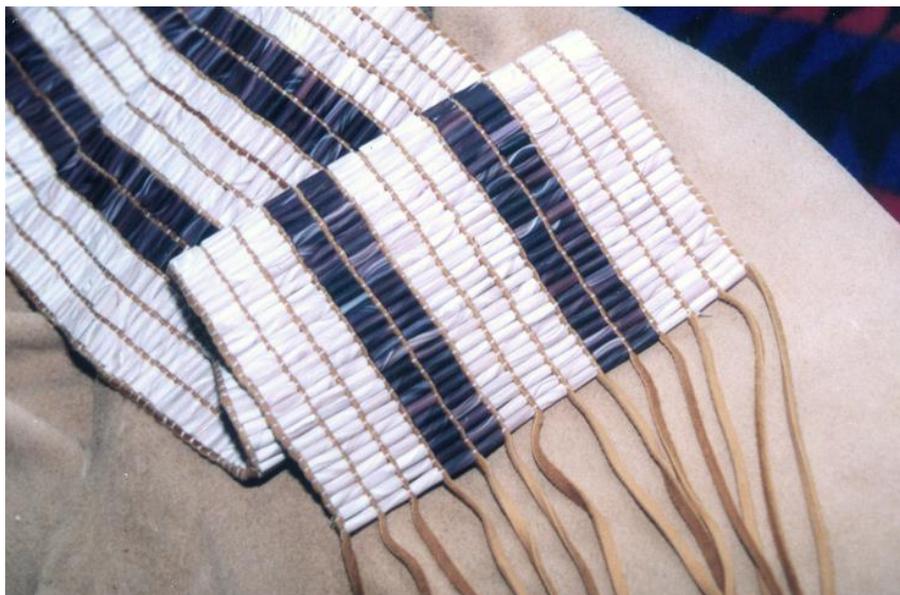


CHALMERS UNITED CHURCH



Oneida Indian Nation, Two Row Wampum Belt

“The Healing Power of the Land”

National Indigenous Day of Prayer

10:30 am JUNE 20, 2021

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our Worship Services will be via Zoom or
pre-recorded and posted on the Chalmers YouTube channel.

Bold Text *indicates the parts that everyone reads together.*

GATHERING IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND

Why do we acknowledge the land each Sunday?

ONE: We acknowledge the land each Sunday as a way to remember that people lived on this land for millennium, long before European and other settlers emigrated to this place.

We acknowledge the land as a way of recognizing our responsibility to care for the land and to remember that we share this land with others.

We acknowledge the land as a way to remind ourselves of the tragic consequences of a colonial past that still restricts the freedom, lives and opportunities of Indigenous Peoples.

We acknowledge the land so that we do not forget our own responsibility to imagine and work for a better future for all peoples who live, work and play on this land.

ALL: In acknowledging this land, the traditional home of the Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee, we seek to rebuild right relations with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples, to learn from them, and to live on this land with respect and gratitude for its bounty.

OPENING

Kimberley Debassige

PRAYER

Lynn Freeman

ALL: Great Comforter, we know that we are surrounded by a legacy of pain. We acknowledge the pain, grief, and sorrow caused by not living respectfully with all people, and we are sorry for the ways that we have dishonoured the depths of this pain. Open us, Creator, to the power of interconnectedness: Help us to receive the painful stories as well as the inspiring stories; Grant us the courage to own any feelings of vulnerability, shame, fear, and guilt that may come from our interactions with each other; And with your healing grace, lead us through our aching toward your dream of wholeness. Transform us and our community so that we may continually work toward reconciliation and new life. Amen.

Call to Worship and Opening Prayer, Aboriginal Sunday Celebration and Thanksgiving Service, United Church of Canada, 2016.

HYMN VU 229 *God of the Sparrow*

- 1** God of the sparrow
God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise
- 2** God of the earthquake
God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save
- 4** God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life
- 5** God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace
- 6** God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home.

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LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**We open now to Sacred Mystery, to the Holy One,
infinitely greater than words can express whose love for us
and all creation exceeds our capacity to imagine. Amen.**

Matthew 5: 23 - 24

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS

Embers, One Ojibway's Meditations pages 102 and 38
Richard Wagamese

THE HEALING POWER OF THE LAND: PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Charlotte Clark - Juliet Huntly - Jim Leake - Pat Roebuck

SPECIAL MESSAGE

The Cardinal/Wade Family, Faith United Church

RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

Offerings are gratefully received by our congregations

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- ✓ through Canada Helps:
<https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/129494688RR0001-chalmers-united-church/> or
- ✓ Canada Post.

ALL: We give these gifts freely, we receive these gifts gratefully. We dedicate these gifts to the work of our congregations: serving human wholeness, caring for our planet, upholding religious freedom, welcoming the stranger, loving one another.

REMEMBERING THE LOST CHILDREN

A poem by abigail echo-hawk

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF JESUS

Our Father, Our Mother, Our Holy One,
May our kin-dom come
And your will be done here on earth.
May we find this day the bread we need
And may we feel forgiveness for our missteps
And forgive, freely others for theirs.
May we walk away from temptation and focus on good.
For yours is the kin-dom, the power
And the glory, now and forever. Amen

HYMN MV 79 *Spirit Open My Heart*

Unison:

Spirit open my heart
To the joy and pain of living
As you love may I love
In receiving and in giving Spirit,
open my heart

1 God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

2 Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

3 May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

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BENEDICTION

May our footsteps on these ancient lands remind us
of creation and connectedness, in our search for truth.

May the Gum Tree, from its roots to its branches, remind us to dig
deep and reach high, in our action for justice.

May the Eagle, who soars in the sky, remind us
of the power, in our call for love.

May the expanse of the lands and seas, of the sky and stars, remind us
of God's timing in our faith in hope.

May the Holy Three, Creator Spirit, Lord God, Papa Jesus, remind us
of community.

So with grace, mercy, and peace, go in truth, justice, love, and hope.

Deb Anderson Pratt, Regina Native Outreach Ministry, Indigenous Day Prayer,
United Church of Canada, 2020.

POSTLUDE

THANK YOU FOR TALENTS SHARED

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Pat Roebuck, Co-Chair, Walking the Path of Peace Together (WTPPT)

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