

Immanuel United Church
September 29th, 2024
"Orange Shirt Day"

PRELUDE

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES (Announcement)

One:

Called to live with respect in Creation
as Indigenous, Métis, Settler and Newcomer people,
we acknowledge that the land on which we worship, work, learn and
serve,
and the water which sustains life on this land,
is of God, Creator,
and in the farthest reaches of memory
was entrusted to the original peoples who walked this land,
and to their descendants.

One:

*With the coming of colonizers,
treaties were made,
but again and again the colonizers disregarded and broke the treaties,
causing grave and lasting harm to the historic caregivers of the land,
to the generations that followed them,
and to the land itself.*

All:

**Called to action for Truth and Reconciliation,
we who gather here on Treaty One territory
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways
of honouring the treaties, the land and one another
in a spirit of openhearted respect.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS (video clip seniors for climate rally)

OPENING STATEMENT AND PRAYER

Today is another day to remember the children of residential schools, the adult survivors, and the children and grandchildren of survivors. The road to reconciliation is a long one, let's resolve to do our part in healing and in building right relations.

Let us Pray:

Creator,

We remember the children of residential schools. We remember the ones who were too young to understand what was happening. We remember the ones who were separated from parents and siblings, ones who got sick and died, the ones who were abused. Help us to see the gift in every child, the hope, the promise, the blessing. Help us to treat every child as one of our own, as one of your own.

In Jesus name we pray,

AMEN

HYMN: MV# 78 God Weeps

MOMENT TO PONDER

(video clip Carman Lansdowne)

HYMN: VU# 445 A Little Child the Saviour Came

SCRIPTURE:

Mark 9:38-50

Anthem: "Let Us Serve Him"

REFLECTION:

HYMN: VU# 598 When Pain of the World Surrounds Us

OFFERING INVITATION AND PRAYER

Invitation:

Thanksgiving Chorus MV #182 Grateful

Let us Pray:

Holy One,

Let our offering today be a commitment to the children of the world, that we will not abandon them, that we will dedicate ourselves to providing life and a future that matters, for every child.

AMEN

Musical Meditation

COMMUNITY PRAYERS

**(From “Prayer Service to Remember the Children”)
United Church of Canada**

LORD’S PRAYER (Sung)

HYMN: VU# 400 Listen to the Children Praying (3X)

COMMISSIONING:

CHORAL AMEN

A-a-men, A-a-men, Hallelujah, A-a-men (VU # 974)

POSTLUDE