

**Kindred Spirits Worship**  
**April 6, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**PRELUDE**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND AND TREATIES**

**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**

### **OPENING STATEMENT**

The earliest Christian missionaries in Canada, whether Protestant or Roman Catholic, came to zealously convert the indigenous population to the Christian religion. The church has spent the last 40 years atoning for our arrogance and narrow mindedness, and opening ourselves to new ways of seeing and being in relationship with the first peoples of our country.

Certainty has a way of closing minds to new insight. Being present to uncertainty creates the possibility of new learning.

**Let us Pray:**

**Creator, we gather in the midst of uncertain times and in an uncertain world.**

**We seek nurture and guidance in the presence of community and spirit.**

**We ask you to be with us, open our hearts and minds to the possibilities of this time, and to new ways of seeing our way as disciples.**

**AMEN**

**Hymn : MV# 147 God Help Us to Treasure**

### **MOMENT TO PONDER**

Most of us, in our confirmation, or as we brought children for baptism, made promises to be disciples of Jesus. We pledge to follow his way and his guidance. There are times when discipleship seems clear, other times when attending Sunday worship seems enough, and times we have no clue what it means to be faithful. The context changes, and our language changes. During Lent, when we follow Jesus into confrontation with the powers of the world we are challenged to remember again our promises and how we live.

**HYMN: VU# 120 O Jesus, I Have Promised**

### **SCRIPTURE:**

Psalm 126

John 12:1-8

**CHOIR ANTHEM: “How Beautiful”**

**REFLECTION:**

**HYMN: MV# 78    God Weeps**

**OFFERING INVITATION**

**Doxology VU# 544            In Gratitude and Humble Trust (Forest Green)**

**Let us Pray:**

**Holy One, may we bring the best fruits of our  
lives to you, share in your mission to bless all  
of your children, and work to preserve and  
enhance all parts of your creation.**

**AMEN**

**LENTEN PRAYERS AND CANDLELIGHTING (Centering Music)**

**LORD’S PRAYER (VU# 959 Sung)**

**AMEN**

**Hymn: VU# 703    In the Bulb There is a Flower**

**Commissioning**

**Choral Blessing: MV# 222            May the Peace of God Be Your Peace**

**Postlude**