

Kindred Spirits Worship
First Sunday after Pentecost
May 31, 2026

Prelude

Acknowledgment 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 treaties were broken,
causing deep 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
and the homeland of the Red River Metis
commit ourselves to finding faithful ways
of honouring the treaties, the land, and one another
in a spirit of open-hearted respect.

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit *MV 142 Oh a Song Must Rise, Refrain Only*

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory, the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend.**

Call To Worship *The Casa del Sol Blessings of Jesus—based on Matthew 5:3-9*
Paraphrase by John Philip Newell and Ali Newell

Blessed are those who know their need
for theirs is the grace of heaven.

Blessed are those who weep
for their tears will be wiped away.

Blessed are the humble
for they are close to the sacred earth.

Blessed are those who hunger for earth's oneness
for they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the forgiving
for they are free.

Blessed are the clear in heart
for they see the Living Presence.

Blessed are the peacemakers
for they are born of God.

*Come, let us worship the God
who blesses and empowers the last and the least.*

Hymn *MV 135 Called by Earth and Sky* [Piano]

Opening Prayer *(With language borrowed from the United Church of Canada's A Song of Faith,
2006.)*

Readings and Reflection *Matthew 4:23-25*
Matthew 5:1-12
Merger Poem (And Then All That Has Divided Us Will Merge),
from Judy Chicago's The Dinner Party, 1979

Hymn *VU 697 O for a World*

Invitation to the Offering

Dedication of the Offering *VU 229 God of the Sparrow, v. 3*

Offering Prayer

Duet

Shepherd Me, O God

Peggy Aitchison and John Drewitt

Prayers of the Community

The Casa del Sol Prayer of Jesus (A Paraphrase Written by John Philip Newell and Ali Newell)

Ground of all being,
Mother of life, Father of the universe,
Your name is sacred, beyond speaking.

May we know your presence,
may your longings be our longings in heart and in action.
May there be food for the human family today
and for the whole earth community.

Forgive us the falseness of what we have done
as we forgive those who are untrue to us.

Do not forsake us in our time of conflict
but lead us into new beginnings.

For the light of life, the vitality of life,
and the glory of life are yours now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn

MV 28 God of the Bible (Fresh as the Morning)

Blessing in the Chaos

*Written by Jan Richardson and published in her book,
The Cure for Sorrow: A Book of Blessings for Times of Grief.*

To all that is chaotic
in you,
let there come silence.

Let there be
a calming
of the clamoring,
a stilling
of the voices that
have laid their claim
on you,
that have made their
home in you,

that go with you
even to the
holy places
but will not
let you rest,
will not let you
hear your life
with wholeness
or feel the grace
that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you
cease.
Let what divides you
cease.
Let there come an end
to what diminishes
and demeans,
and let depart
all that keeps you
in its cage.

Let there be
an opening
into the quiet
that lies beneath
the chaos,
where you find
the peace
you did not think
possible
and see what shimmers
within the storm.

Choral Amen

MV 205

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!
Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!

Postlude

