

Sending Forth and Blessing

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.

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

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THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Pembina Parish

Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's



**Indigenous Day of Prayer:
The Seven Grandfather Teachings
Sunday, June 21st, 2020**

Welcome and Sharing

Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory

Lighting of the candles

Call to Worship*

We gather to share in Creator's gift of abundant life for all.

We fix ourselves on you, Creator.

Come fill our hearts with your endless love, and send the wind of your Spirit to new hope through our lives.

Come light our souls to rise in faith, to reach out for your kingdom.

Come pour out your Spirit upon us, as we come together as brothers and sisters.

**Lift up our heads, brush away the shadows,
and shine your grace into our minds.**

So, Creator, we come to worship, we shake off the shackles of a fallen world and join our hearts together.

**With gratitude we come as a community in praise, Creator,
to seek transformation and to celebrate the power of your Spirit
that is always moving.**

Opening Hymn 135 (MV): *Refrain: Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.*

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep ocean's dream, waters of healing,
rivers of rain, the wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free. Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place, our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land. Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong, Creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day. Fire of passion,
sorrows undone, our faith and justice one.

Apology and Response

Reading of the 1986 Apology to Indigenous Peoples

Reading of the 1988 Response to Apology

Reflection: The Seven Grandfather Teachings *Introduction to the Teachings*

Love

Respect

Courage

Honesty

Wisdom

Humility

Truth

Hymn 308 (VU): **Many and great, O God, are your works,
Maker of earth and sky.
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;
deep seas obey your voice.**

**Grant unto us communion with you,
O star-abiding one.
Come unto us and dwell with us,
with you are found the gifts of life.
Bless us with life that has no end,
eternal life with you.**

Minute for Mission

Offertory

Prayers of the People

The Prayer of Jesus

Closing Hymn 633 (VU):

**Bless now, O God, the journey that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence, the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters, the road where faith is found.**

**Bless sojourners and pilgrims who share this winding way,
Whose hope burns through the terrors, whose love sustain the day.
We yearn for holy freedom while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking the road where faith is found.**

**Divine Eternal Lover, you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places, you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written on roads, as faith is found.**