



**WE GATHER**  
**"LIVING INTO OUR NAMESAKE".**  
**CELEBRATING CANADA DAY,**  
**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**Introduction** (Roni Beharry)

**Territorial Acknowledgment**

**Introit:** "This Is God's Wondrous World" VU#296

**WE ENTER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE**

**Lighting of the Christ Candle:** (*Elizabeth Henderson*)

Today is Canada Day.

We light a candle with those who mourn.

We light a candle for those who feel deep remorse.

We light a candle for those who feel numb.

We light a candle for peace.

We light a candle for God's joy

that we might live with respect in creation with all our relations.

May it be so!

**Call to Worship:**

On this 154<sup>th</sup> Canada Day, God invites us into the complexities of relationship.

**We come to grow as a family of faith,  
cherishing the ways of Love.**

Come to sing, to pray, to listen, to dance, and to  
deepen the journey of faith.

**We come in trust, though we are never sure  
where God will lead us.**

Come together in prayer:

**loving God, we long to follow in Jesus'**

**footsteps, journeying the path of self-denying, life-giving and  
ever-growing wisdom, seeking out reconciliation and right  
relationships with all settler peoples and our indigenous  
neighbours.**

**Lead us by the power of your Spirit, that together: grieving,  
listening and humbly learning, we may discern a healing path  
forward.**

**In Jesus's name we pray, Amen.**

(*Gord Dunbar, Kincardine PC, Gathering Pentecost 1 2021*)

**Opening Hymn:** "O Canada" VU#524

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nfKr-D5VDBU>

**Prayer of Confession:**

Are we a nation founded on a misunderstanding?

How do we reclaim a vision of a village?

**Give us the grace to admit our mistakes and wrongdoing,  
whether intentionally or unintentionally.**

**We confess opportunities not taken,  
and compassion not extended.**

**We also confess the self that is not aware of sinning,  
while we ourselves didn't take children away from their families,  
if we remain silent as inequalities persist, we are also sinning.  
Some of us never learned about what happened in the villages,  
And it can be so tempting to shut down...**

Transform our hearts through the proclamation of your Gospel.

**Restore us, in your good time, so that we can live peaceably in  
this village. Lord it is gonna take a longtime before we can fully  
embrace our namesake.**

**Forgiveness and reconciliation is often a journey.**

**Trusting in your time, we pray. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance:**

God, your grace meets us in our vulnerability. We praise you, O God!

**Piano Solo:** "Put Peace into Each Other's Hands" MV#173

(select verses 1,4,5)

**Prayer of Preparation:** (*Rev. Roni*)

**Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

**Open our hearts and minds and lives to your call  
through this holy word. Amen.**

**2 Corinthians 12: 2-10**

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me

or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given to me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.' So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

*One: Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the church!*

**All: Come and pray in us Holy Spirit.**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 6:1-13**

#### **The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth**

He left that place and came to his home town, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, 'Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?' And they took offence at him. Then Jesus said to them, 'Prophets are not without honour, except in their home town, and among their own kin, and in their own house.' And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

#### **The Mission of the Twelve**

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, 'Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.' So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

*One: This is the Good News of Jesus Christ!*

**ALL: Glory to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon:** "Sent into the Village". (Rev. Roni)

**Piano Solo:** "Take, O Take Me As I Am"

*Played as a Prayer of Ascription.*

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**Announcements:** (Rev. Roni)

**Invitation to the Offering:**

**Offertory Blessing:**

**Despite the sufferings and challenges of our journey together, your power transcends human weakness.**

**We celebrate your generosity by sharing treasures, talents, and time along your way. Bless our faithfulness.**

**Help us in our moments of weakness. Amen.**

**Lighting of the Memory Candle:**

**Prayer for Our Nation:**

### **SENT TO SHOW CHRIST'S LOVE.**

**Hymn:** "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" VU#578

**Commissioning and Benediction:** (Rev. Roni)

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*God's service in community continues!*

*Go forth with the Spirit's Power!*

**Go now in peace:**

**Go now in peace, never be afraid**

**God will go with you each hour of every day.**

**Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true.**

**Know God will guide you in all you do.**

**Go now in love, and show you believe.**

**Reach out to others so all the world can see.**

**God will be there watching from above.**

**Go now in peace, in faith and in love.**

**Postlude:** "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me" VU#635



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