

COLEBROOK UNITED CHURCH

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Canada Day

July 1, 2018

10:00 AM.

We Gather

Welcome

We are a caring, serving community,
faithfully journeying and trusting in the mystery that is God,
seeking joy, peace and justice for all.

Call To Worship: (Elise Feltrin, St. Andrews UC, Bayfield, ON.)

One: This land is your land.

All: This land is my land.

One: This land is God's land!

**All: From east to west,
from north to south,
from ocean to ocean,**

One: we gather to worship as people have in this land

**All: since before Canada was a nation,
since before the settlers arrived.**

One: And as we come to worship in this place,
God already was, already is,

All: already here!

One: In this great land, in this holy space,
let us join our voices and spirits
with those past and present
of all generations and of all faiths

All: who come together to praise God.



Gathering Hymn: *Holy, Holy, Holy* VU 315

Life and Work of the Congregation

Acknowledgement of First Nation Territories

Centering Hymn: *Spirit of the Living God* VU 376

Lighting of Christ Candle:

One: We light this Christ Candle to bear witness to the light of
God reflected in Jesus the Christ.

**All: This is the light that shines in the darkness, and the
darkness does not overcome it.**

One: May this light bring hope in the face of hopelessness and
life in the face of death.

**All: May this light radiate from our lives illuminating the
world with love, hope, peace and justice.**

Prayer of Confession: (Chris Polhil from Acorns and Archangels)

**We are sorry, Lord, that just by living without thought we
pollute the air, poison the waters and damage the land. We
are sorry, Lord. For we are connected, whether we recognise
it or not, to all of creation; to all that you made; from ant to
mountain we are connected. Holy Spirit, heal and restore us,
that we may live gently on earth, and that all creation praise
you, Holy One, Earth-Maker, Pain-Bearer, Life-Giver.**

Words of Grace:

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.
The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.
God is with us, even now, accepting, guiding, forgiving and
restoring. AMEN

Sharing the Peace of Christ

One: May the Peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Proclaim



Learning Together

Song: *O Canada*

VU 524

Scripture: Psalm 130

Reflection: Of Dark Nights and Soulful Cries

Hymn: *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

VU 670

