

SERVICE OF THE WORD

A LAMP TO THE FEET



St. Matthews Church

WHERE COMMUNITY
GATHERS AND GROWS

June 19, 2022

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Sunday, June 19, 2022

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "Grazioso" J.C. Bach

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

*Confession and Forgiveness (see pg. 4)

*Hymn 944 (see pg. 5) "O Spirit All-Embracing"

*Greeting

*Gathering Prayer Rev. Dr. A. Jorgenson

Duet "Morning Prayer" P. Tchaikovsky

Word

Reading "Tree of Life, Healing Justice" Terry Leblanc (Mi'kmaq)

Hymn 512 "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good"

Reading Galatians 3:23-29

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 124

*Gospel Reading Luke 16:19-31

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day (see pg. 6) "From Wisdom Emerging"

*Prayers of Intercession **A: Receive our prayer.**

*Peace

Thanksgiving

*Hymn of Thanksgiving 840 "Now Thank We All Our God"

*Thanksgiving for the Word Rev. Dr. A. Jorgenson

*Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase (see pg. 6)

Sending

General Announcements

*Blessing

*Hymn 717

"Let Justice Flow Like Streams"

*Dismissal

A: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

"Little Prelude and Fugue in F"

J.S. Bach

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This Sunday's Gospel text tells the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus. It is a call to generosity and compassion and a turning away from selfishness and entitlement. As we acknowledge our relationships with creation and Indigenous Peoples, we are challenged to examine our priorities and actions in daily living. Will our choices reflect the promise and hope of the Risen Christ?

A Land Acknowledgement expresses how we relate to creation and our Indigenous neighbours. It describes the physical space we inhabit and it recognizes the treaty responsibilities our ancestors have agreed upon. It also names the peoples who have cared for this territory for many generations.

Church Fire Plan For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

Confession and Forgiveness:

P: Blessed be ...

Merciful God,

**A: we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

**Save us from ourselves
and free us to love our neighbors.**

Amen.

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Leading Worship Today

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O Spirit All-Embracing



1 O Spir - it all - em - brac - ing and coun - sel - or all - wise,
2 O Beau - ty ev - er blaz - ing in flow - er, field, and face,
3 Come, pas - sion's pow - er ho - ly, your in - sight here im - part,



un - bound - ed splen - dor grac - ing a shore - less sea of skies:
you show your - self a - maz - ing in un - ex - pect - ed place.
and give your ser - vants low - ly an un - der - stand - ing heart



un - fail - ing is your trea - sure, un - fad - ing your re - ward;
We see you and re - mem - ber what once our dreams had been;
to know your care more clear - ly when faith and love are tried,



sur - pass - ing world - ly plea - sure, the rich - es you af - ford.
you fan the glow - ing em - ber and kin - dle hope with - in.
to seek you more sin - cere - ly when false i - deals have died:



Come, stream of end - less flow - ing, and res - cue us from death;
Come, fire of glo - ry gra - cious, bless all who trust in you;
for vi - sion we im - plore you, for wis - dom's pure de - light;



come, wind of spring - time blow - ing, and warm us by your breath.
un - dy - ing flame te - na - cious, burn in your church a - new.
in prayer we come be - fore you to wait up - on your light.

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Music: THAXTED, Gustav Holst, 1874–1934

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From Wisdom Emerging

From Wisdom emerging, we fashion a space
for people converging in safety and grace,
To shelter the freedom of one and of all
in Love without border or boundary or wall.

Faith's journey reclaiming, we blaze a new trail
with others, exclaiming: "Let justice prevail!"
Rejecting worn paths that oppress and mislead,
we walk in community, cherished and freed!

Forever exploring, we seek to learn more
of Wisdom's outpouring, of Love's open door.
Amazed at the mysteries and graces we find,
we joyfully share them with all humankind.

The future progressing, we move through its change,
old systems redressing, new patterns arrange;
Protecting all freedoms with every new choice,
we follow the Spirit and raise our clear voice!

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The Lord's Prayer in Paraphrase

A First Nations Interpretation

O' Great Spirit, the source of Our Life, You created us all. You live in the Heavens, in the Earth and in our hearts. Your name is very sacred to us; we see It everyday in the skies, in the rivers and in the forests.

You are a friend to the four legged ones, the winged ones, the ones who live in the waters and to the two legged ones. Your eternal Ways bring harmony and strength, so the hoop of your people is unbroken as we gather around the council fires for wisdom.

You are the Source of our life. So, we rejoice each day for the food we eat, the shelter we live in and the companions we share. Help us to remember that as we love all that is around us, Your love grows within us. Lead our steps away from the trails of confusion and hurtfulness; place our feet on the trails of harmony and sharing.

For Your Ways direct our lives, Your Power ignites the campfires of our hearts. Let us sing songs of joy to each other as we gather our logs. Thank you, Great Spirit. Amen.

By Jim Nuttall

Worship Notes

In our prayers: John, Susan, Marie, Grace, Maureen, Frank and Bernice.

Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to our church's current protocols, you may remove your mask when you are in your pew, or while eating or drinking. Apart from these exceptions, wearing a mask continues to be mandatory indoors for St. Matthews members, events and meetings.
- **Self-Screening:** Members are reminded to continue to perform self-assessments if they have COVID symptoms.
- **Physical distancing:** Members are encouraged to continue physical distancing where possible indoors.
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact

- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude.
- **Coffee Hour** will be organized on an occasional basis, and dates will be announced.
- **Mingling:** Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble. Please try to keep indoor social mingling to a minimum.
- **Pastors** will be greeting after the service outdoors (weather permitting) or indoors, maintaining physical distancing.
- **Water coolers** are currently disconnected.
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

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