

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' SUNDAY



St. Matthews Lutheran Church

WHERE COMMUNITY GATHERS AND GROWS
June 22, 2025

Indigenous Peoples' Sunday

Sunday, June 22, 2025

(* indicates the assembly stands)

Gathering

Prelude "O Great Spirit" Nuxalk Nation
arr. D. Clellamin

Land Acknowledgement **A:We acknowledge your presence, and lament your absence.**

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

*Thanksgiving for Baptism (see page 4)

*Hymn 879 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*Greeting

*Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

Word

First Reading Genesis 1: 1-10

Water Song: Nibi (see page 5) Ojibwe Nation

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 3:5-9

*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia" p. 151

*Gospel Reading Matthew 10:40-42, 11:1

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day 726 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

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

*Peace

Meal

*Offering Hymn 184 "Let the Vineyards"

*Offering Prayer		
*Great Thanksgiving		p. 152
*Holy, Holy, Holy		p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table		
*Lord's Prayer (<i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i>)		p. 154
Lamb of God		p. 154
Communion Hymn 777		<i>"Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty"</i>
Table Blessing		
Prayer after Communion		
Sending		
General Announcements		
*Blessing		
*Sending Hymn 785		<i>"Peace Like a River"</i>
*Dismissal		
Postlude	<i>"Many and Great"</i>	Dakota Nation arr. J. Renville

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On Indigenous Peoples' Sunday our focus is on the gifts of the earth. We gather today as stewards of God's creation, seeking to honour the Earth and its gifts with gratitude and reciprocity. We give thanks for the land that produces strawberries, the waters, the skies, and all creatures that share in God's creation. We commit to walking gently upon this Earth and living in harmony with all beings.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

L: We praise you, O God, for water.

A: **We praise you, O God, for water.**

L: We need water to drink.

A: **We need water to drink.**

L: We need water to wash.

A: **We need water to wash.**

L: We need water to grow.

A: **We need water to grow.**

L: We praise you, O God, for water.

A: **We praise you, O God, for water.**

L: We praise you, O God, for baptism.

A: **We praise you, O God, for baptism.**

L: We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.

A: **We praise you, O God, for your Spirit.**

L: We praise you, O God, for water.

A: **We praise you, O God, for water.**

L: Amen, with water.

A: **Amen, with water.**

Nibi (The Water Song)

Nibi, Giizaage igoo

Gii miigwetch ahwayn nimiigoo

Giizhaawayn nimiigoo

Pronunciation Guide:

nee-beh gee-zah-gay ee-goh

gee mee-gwetch ah-wayn nee-mee-goh

gee-dz* ah-wayn nee-mee-goh

*dz sounds like the “j” in déjà vu

Leading Worship Today

Minister: Pastor Carey Meadows-Helmer

Diaconal Minister of Music: Deacon Scott Knarr

Land Acknowledgement: Scott Kuschnerait

Nibi Song: Lana Moses

Communion Servers: Pat Gilck and Lynda Karn

Broadcast: Jamie Foley

Building Monitor: Dennis Diebolt (519-571-4525)

Worship Notes

In our prayers Kevin, Betty, George, Anneke, Judy, Clare, Yvonne, Jeanette, Meaghan, Henry, Maureen and John.

All are welcome at the meal where Jesus is present loving and forgiving us. For the wine, there is a common cup station and a pouring chalice station (please take an empty small glass). There is also a small tray of pre-poured grape juice glasses. Gluten-free wafers are also available; please indicate this request to the Pastor. If you would (also)

like to receive a blessing, please approach the Pastor with your arms crossed over your chest. If you'd like to receive Communion in your pew, the pastor will come to you. Please let an usher or the pastor know before worship if possible.

Information for today's worship

- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates in the Narthex (entranceway) upon entering. The offering plates will be presented at the High Altar during the service.
- **Please join us for a BBQ and fellowship** after worship in the Community Hall. Use any of the staircases (Narthex, west stair tower, parking lot tower) to go down.
- **Downstairs Washrooms** can be accessed via any of the staircases. There is one wheelchair accessible washroom, and the rest are all-gender washrooms. A further all-gender washroom is also available via the west stair tower door (front left of

General Announcements

Did you miss it? Did you miss a worship service? The Broadcast Committee would like to share that recordings of Sunday services are now being uploaded to the Church website. The services are found in the [Worship Audio Archive](#) in the Worship section of the website. You may listen by clicking play on the audio player or download to your device to save and listen later. Services will normally appear on the website shortly after they conclude.

Gentle Vibes in the Sanctuary: this afternoon from 2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m. Live music played by the incredibly talented Zac Perry will create the chill vibes for thoughtful yoga-inspired movement and guided relaxation provided by Angela of Angels-Landing Yoga & Wellness. Everyone is welcome. No experience is necessary. A yoga mat and a blanket will be required. Our location is the beautiful sanctuary at St. Matthews. Cost is \$30 + tax (\$33.90) per person per class. Please use this link to register: <http://www.angels-landing.ca/special-classes.html>

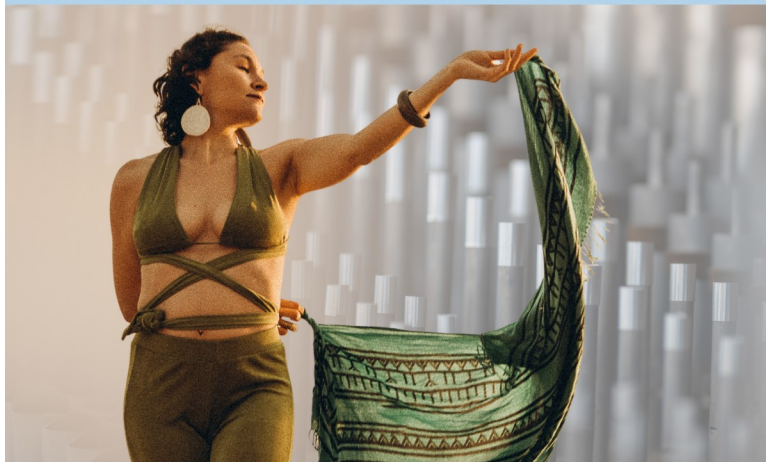


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Jonathan Oldengarm

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July 8th - 230pm

Joshua Ehlebracht

Church of St. John the Evangelist
23 Water St N, Kitchener



July 9th - 1130am

Martin Jones

St. Matthews Church
54 Benton St, Kitchener

July 9th - 730pm

Sarah Svendsen

St. Matthews Church
54 Benton St, Kitchener

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Scroll down to “Upcoming Events” at <https://www.stmatthewscentre.ca>

The St. Matthews Centre also has a Facebook page, which you can “follow” to get updates.



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. The AED and a first aid kit are in the hallway by the office.