

**Sunday, July 2nd, 2023**

Worship Leader: Rev. Kaitlyn Ostrander

Greetings, Caring, Sharing

Hymn: O Canada VU 524

Christ Candle

Call to Worship

This is God's land. From coast to coast, from the far-off reaches of the north to the windswept shores of east and west, to the border with our southern neighbor, God is present in this land.

**This is God's land. We are the people of this land.**

Here are God's people. From Indigenous Peoples to recent immigrants, from fifth-generation farmers to newly arrived professionals, God's people surround us.

**We are the people of this land.**

Now is God's time. In summer retreats and in holiday places, amid bird song, salt spray, or farm-scented air, in cathedral sanctuaries, and in parkland gatherings, we honour this holy day together.

**This is a time to honor God. Let us give God thanks and praise.**

Opening Prayer

**O God, as we gather again in worship on this Canada Day, we reflect on our nation, the people within it, and our ways of building and being a community. We look for ways to be your people in this community, this country. We seek a renewed understanding of what it means to be a country of compassion, a Canadian cultural mosaic and to form a land of principles, integrity, and justice. May we live with confidence and hope in our service to one another, and to you, strengthened for this service by the gifts of your Spirit, this weekend and every day of the year ahead. Amen.**

Hymn: Breath on Me, Breath of God VU 382

Prayer of Confession and Assurance of Pardon

**Holy God, we live in a land of abundance. We have food, shelter, and social safety nets. Yet with all this, we often complain about the things we think we don't have. We too often take these blessings for granted and forget to express our gratitude to you. Forgive us and help us to appreciate what we have, your will, and your good news; and lead us to what you would have us do to make our country and this world a**

**better place for all, through the love of Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Responsive Psalm:

Psalm 13 VU 734

Scripture

Genesis 22:1-14

Romans 6:12-23

Arden Anthem: O God of All the Many Lands

Henderson and Mountian Grove Hymn:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love VU 593

Sermon: You Want Me to Sacrifice What?

Offertory Hymn: Grant Us, God, the Grace VU 540

Offering Dedication

Prayers of the People and Lords Prayer VU 960

Hymn: Be Thou My Vision VU 642

Benediction

Go. Bless and be blessed. Love and be loved. Renew  
and be renewed. Go. Build community, build Canada,  
build God's vision of Shalom.

**We will go with God's blessing for the world.**