



**Canada Day
&
Recognition of Sunday School
June 28, 2026**

Welcome

Gathering Music
"Come Touch our Hearts"
(MV # 12)





Announcements



Light the Christ Candle

**We light this candle
as a reminder that it
takes effort to seek
God. It's not always
easy—and yet, by
seeking the holy in
community, we give
meaning to the
journey we take
together.**



Prelude

“This is My Father’s World”



Today we gather with grateful hearts, giving thanks to God for this land we call home. We thank God for Canada's beauty, diversity, and abundance.

From coast to coast to coast, God has blessed this nation with mountains and prairies, lakes and forests, cities and communities. We rejoice in God's gifts and commit ourselves to caring for this land and one another.

Loving God, we think we are a worldly people, but we wish to grow into your world of loving communion. Show us how to weave Jesus' self-giving into life, that we may become society's yeast, the yeast that gives rise to new ways of confederation, to bridge divides and honour your gift of diversity, new ways of living into truth and reconciliation, new ways of being a people rooted in your compassion and care. Amen.



Opening Prayer

led by Linda M.

As disciples, we are called to worship together weekly and to discover authentic community.

We give thanks for our friends here in Christ and the opportunity to worship with them today. We are called to give generously, to serve, and to engage in spiritual practice; and so now we pray,

O God, may all your children, of all ages, come to know your love and the joy it brings as we live our commitment to discipleship. **Amen.**



VU# 524 O Canada

O Canada ! Our home and native land !
True patriot love in all our lives command
With glowing hearts we see thee rise, the True North strong
and free !
From far and wide, O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
God keep our land glorious and free !
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee.

Canada Day Prayer

led by Greg

On this Canada Day, we give you thanks for this nation and for the many blessings God has have bestowed upon us. Grant wisdom and integrity to our leaders at every level of government. Guide them in the ways of justice, compassion, and peace. Help them to seek the common good and to serve with humility and courage.

We remember those who first inhabited this land and pray for mutual understanding among all peoples. Teach us to honour one another with respect and to work together for a future marked by truth, justice, and hope.

Bless our communities, our schools, our churches, and our families. Strengthen those who are struggling, comfort those who are grieving, provide for those in need, and encourage those who feel alone.

As followers of Jesus Christ, help us to be faithful citizens and faithful disciples. May we be people who love our neighbours, welcome strangers, care for Creation, and seek your kingdom in all that we do.

We entrust Canada to your care, praying that your peace, righteousness, and mercy may flourish throughout this land. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

Ceremony of Sunday School Recognition

led by Cathy



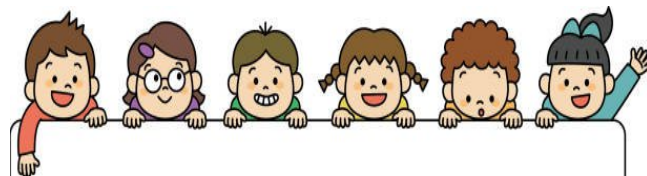


2023



2024

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Pictorial Presentation

“Erin’s Sunday School”

2026



Children Song *“Make New Friends” led by Jan*

**Make new friends
But keep the old !
One is silver and
The other gold**



The Scripture Reading

Romans 12:2-3

Read by Rev. Yun-Hee

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you.

This is the Word of God.

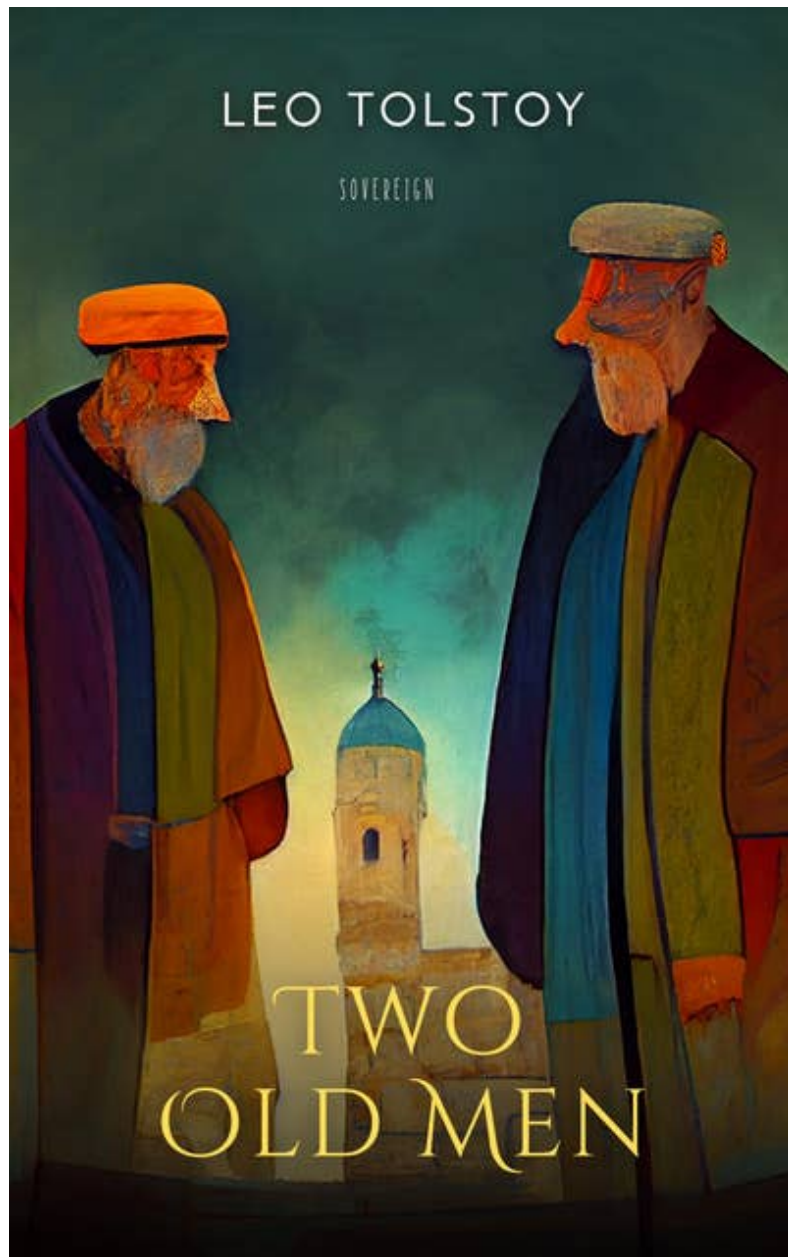
Thanks be to God.



Choir Anthem

“Great Are You Lord”

Saskatchewan



Message

by Rev. Yun-Hee

- 1 Give to us laughter, O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish so much of our strife.
Laughter and love give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love are the coin of true wealth.

- 2 Give to us laughter as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing find Christian employ,
joining with stars and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising and sharing delights.

- 3 Why do we worry that we will lose face ?
Why act like king for the whole human race ?
Often in family, and often with friend,
laughing at pride causes anguish to end.
- 4 Even in sorrow and hours of grief,
laughter with tears brings most healing relief.
God, give us laughter, and God, give us peace,
joys of your presence among us increase.

Prayers of the People

led by Noreen K.

We give thanks for the opportunity to explore what discipleship means in our lives. We are grateful to Erin Sunday School, teachers, parents, grandparents, invisible helpers and our precious children for sharing their wisdom, their learnings, and their time. Bless their ministries and bless Erin United Church as we continue our journey with Jesus.

We thank you, Provider God, for giving us all we need to feed children who go to school hungry. Thank you for the food provided and the volunteers and all our helpers in the schools. Help those families we serve to thrive. May there be a way that everyone always has enough to eat.

Thank you, Source of Wisdom, for all we have learned this year. Thank you for speaking truth to us through Sunday messages, individual reflection and Bible study. May we always be willing to listen and learn.

We thank you, Healing God, for all the people who have been cared for in the illnesses or injuries of this past year. May they continue to recover. When we think of those who passed away, we ask for comfort for their families and friends. May they find peace.

Thank you, Creator God, for your amazing, marvellous, wonder-producing Creation. We are awed by every living thing. We are astonished by your mountains, your sunsets, your intricate snowflakes, and your sub-atomic particles. Help us to remember to care for your Earth as if our lives depended on it, because they do. Praise the Lord ! We give thanks to the Lord with our whole heart. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowéd be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on Earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

We Offer Our Gifts

Musical Offering

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.



Offering Prayer

We bring to you, O God, our offerings, gifts that take the shape of Canadian money, as well as gifts that are shaped by time offered and skills shared.

Bless these gifts and ourselves that we may know how your Word gives life to our living, that we may live out your Good News in the way we form our society, that we may be the faithful salt that enlivens this country named Canada. Amen.

Song

“This Land is Your Land”

Chorus

**This land is your land, this land is my land,
From Bonavista to Vancouver Island,
From the Arctic Circle to the Great Lakes waters,
This land was made for you and me.**

1.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway;
I saw below me that golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

2.

I roamed and I rambled and I followed my
footsteps,
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
While all around me a voice was sounding,
This land was made for you and me.

3.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds
rolling;
As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting,
This land was made for you and me.



Blessing

May God grant wisdom to
those who lead.

May Jesus strengthen
those who serve.

May the Holy Spirit
comfort those who suffer
and bring hope to every
heart.

Amen.

Yukon

Commissioning



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 within, around, above.

Go now in peace, in faith and in love. Amen, amen, amen.



**God, we thank you for
being with us.**

**Thank you Congregation
for worshipping today
in person and by Zoom !
and
Special thank you to the
Teachers, parents,
grandparents
and their children!**

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