



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
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Trinity and First United
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Reformation Sunday

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Land Acknowledgement:

Call to Worship: Psalm 46

1. God is our refuge and our strength, a very present help in trouble.
2. Therefore, we will not fear though the Earth gives way. Though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea.
3. Though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

Opening Prayer:

Lighting our Christ Candle:

As we light the Christ Candle, let us read John 8:12

"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Today, as we celebrate Reformation Sunday, we light the Christ candle to remind ourselves that Jesus Christ is the true Light of the world. The Reformation called the Church back to the truth of God's Word and to the saving grace found in Jesus Christ alone.

The light of this candle reminds us that no human tradition, institution, or personal achievement can replace Christ, who is the centre of our faith and the foundation of the Church. As the Reformers proclaimed, our hope is found in Christ alone, and our lives must be guided by the light of His Word.

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world!

His light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it! Amen

Opening Hymn: (MV) 79

Spirit open my Heart

Joining with the light, we shall praise our God by singing hymn 79 (MV)

Children's Time: Moving from Competition to Peace

Prayer of Reconciliation:

God of Grace and Gentle Whispers,

We gather today under the wide canopy of your love,
confessing that we live in a world fractured by division,
where walls are built and hearts are hardened.

We acknowledge the ways we have participated in systems that harm,
and the moments we have chosen silence over justice.

God, in your mercy, heal our brokenness.

We pray for true reconciliation across this land.

Open our ears to listen deeply to truths that discomfort us.

Open our hearts to repent of past and ongoing harms,

and steady our feet to walk the long, active path of right relations.

God, in your mercy, guide our steps.

We pray for a world weary of conflict and war.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is despair, hope.

Remind us that true peace is not merely the absence of tension,

but the presence of justice, equity, and dignity for all your creation.

God, in your mercy, renew our vision.

Transform our fear into courage.

Transform our differences into a beautiful tapestry of community.

May your Holy Spirit breathe through our congregations,

turning our prayers into actions,

our words into healing,

and our lives into instruments of your peace.

In the name of Jesus the One who breaks down the walls that divide us. **Amen.**

Words of Freedom:

The Good news of the Gospel is that God wants more to be in a relationship with us, he seeks us, forgives us and restores us and welcomes us.

Hymn (VU) 365

Jesus Loves Me

Scripture Readings: Romans 3:19-28

Message: Christ is the Only one Breaks Our Walls and bring peace

Central Message:

Hymn: (VU) 686

God of Grace God of Glory

Invitation for Offering:

Offertory Doxology:

Take my gifts and let me love you
God who first of all loved me
Gave me light and food and shelter
gave me life and set me free
Now because your love has touched me
I have love to give away
Now the bread of love is rising, loaves of love to multiply.

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of Our Hearts and Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: (VU) 595

We are Pilgrims

Commissioning and Benediction:

Sending forth Hymn: (MV) 209

Go make a Diff'rence

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
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