



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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19th after Pentecost World Food Sunday

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on Treaty 7 land, the traditional territories of the Blackfoot people. We extend our gratitude for their enduring presence and care of the land, that sustained all our ancestors and sustains all of us now. We move together with All Our Relations in a Spirit of reconciliation.

Call to Worship

We come as ordinary people, with ordinary lives.

Ordinary we are, but your call to us is powerful.

We come to be fed at your table of grace.

We come to be fed, knowing that we are also called to feed others.

We come remembering your commissioning to us, to live out our faith as presence in this world.

As your called people, we proclaim justice and encourage generosity.

Gord Dunbar, Kincardine, ON

Opening Prayer

We Light Our Christ Candle

Hymn # 516 VU

Come You Thankful People, Come

Minute for Mission

The [40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism](#) are underway, and now is the best time to join in. Wherever you are on the journey, today is the right day to take the next step. Across Canada and beyond, people are gathering in faith and courage to confront racism, to listen deeply, and to act for justice.

This is not a quick or easy process. The conversations can be uncomfortable. They reveal where racism lives—in systems, in communities, and within ourselves—and they push us to ask: *What does justice look like in real life?*

Every day in this program offers tools to walk this path: prayers that ground us,

reflections that shift perspectives, stories and videos that bring lived experiences into focus, and action steps that help turn awareness into change. These resources are created by ministers, lay leaders, educators, and community members—people who bring lived experience, wisdom, and hope.

This work is not just about understanding racism. It's about dismantling it.

From October 14 to November 28, 2025, the 40 Days include:

- Live online events with dynamic speakers every Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. ET
- Weekly short videos with accompanying reflections and action items
- Downloadable resources designed for both groups and individuals

The learning doesn't stop there. All resources remain available online so that individuals, congregations, and community groups can keep learning, keep talking, and keep acting. Anti-racism is a lifelong journey.

Your [Mission and Service](#) gifts make this vital work possible, not just for 40 days, but every day. Through your generosity, the United Church of Canada continues to live into its commitment to becoming an anti-racist church, and to work toward a world where every person is treated with dignity, equity, and love. Thank you.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Prayer of Reconciliation and Words of Freedom

Hymn # 227 VU

For the Fruit of All Creation

Scripture: (The Message Translation)

Luke 18:1-8

The Story of the Persistent Widow

Jesus told them a story showing that it was necessary for them to pray consistently and never quit. He said, "There was once a judge in some city who never gave God a thought and cared nothing for people. A widow in that city kept after him: 'My rights are being violated. Protect me!'

"He never gave her the time of day. But after this went on and on, he said to himself, 'I care nothing what God thinks, even less what people think. But because this widow won't quit badgering me, I'd better do something and see

that she gets justice—otherwise I’m going to end up beaten black-and-blue by her pounding.””

Then the Master said, “Do you hear what that judge, corrupt as he is, is saying? So, what makes you think God won’t step in and work justice for his chosen people, who continue to cry out for help? Won’t he stick up for them? I assure you, he will. He will not drag his feet. But how much of that kind of persistent faith will the Son of Man find on the earth when he returns?”

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

But don’t let it faze you. Stick with what you learned and believed, sure of the integrity of your teachers—why, you took in the sacred Scriptures with your mother’s milk! There’s nothing like the written Word of God for showing you the way to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

I can’t impress this on you too strongly. God is looking over your shoulder. Christ himself is the Judge, with the final say on everyone, living and dead. He is about to break into the open with his rule, so proclaim the Message with intensity; keep on your watch. Challenge, warn, and urge your people. Don’t ever quit. Just keep it simple.

You’re going to find that there will be times when people will have no stomach for solid teaching but will fill up on spiritual junk food—catchy opinions that tickle their fancy. They’ll turn their backs on truth and chase mirages. But you—keep your eye on what you’re doing; accept the hard times along with the good; keep the Message alive; do a thorough job as God’s servant.

Message

Hymn # 120 MV

My Soul Cries Out

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humor, laced with laughter--
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

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Offertory Prayer

Prayers of Our Hearts and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: Every Day is a Day of Thanksgiving – Linnea Good version

Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving,
God has been so good to me!
Ev'ry day you're blessing me!
Ev'ry day is a day of thanksgiving,
Take the time to glorify your God today!
You keep blessing me, You keep blessing me.
You open the door so I can see you're blessing me.
You keep blessing me, You just keep blessing me.
Take the time to glorify your God today! (x2)
Last time:
Take the time to glorify your God, glorify your God, glorify your God today!

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Blessing MV 213

Take Up His Song

Take up his song of thanks and go into the world.
Take up his song of thanks in every moment.
In every moment of our journey, we're laying down our lives;
lay them down with thanks, lay them down, and take up his song.