

**Wesley Order of Worship
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Canada Day ~ July 1, 2018**

* please stand as you are willing and able.
Please respond where the print is in **Bold**.

Gathering as People of God

Highlighted Announcements

Opening to Divine Presence

O Canada (please stand)

Acknowledgement of Land (Our Home On Native Land)

Call to Worship:

(based on poem by Lyla June Johnston, *Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry*, Mennonite Church of Canada, 2007)

One: The old ones [elders in Indigenous traditions] have something to say.

All: The old ones say: Creator writes your rights in the pages of your life.

One: Read them in the stars.

All: Listen to the voice of the earth when the snow melts and the soil exhales.

One: She will help you understand:

All: You have no “rights” but the right to choose love.

One: or choose fear.

All: Let us pray together, today, this week.... let us please, Creator, let us choose love.

Folk Song: This Land is Your Land ~ Woody Guthrie

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

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.

The sun comes shining as I was strolling
The wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling
The fog was lifting a voice come chanting
This land was made for you and me.

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Invocation Prayer: (quoting Steve Heinrichs, Director of Indigenous Relations, Mennonite Church Canada)

One: For the well-being on Indigenous peoples,

All: And Settlers too,

One: For the love of lands, waters and all those ones-made-little.

All: May the Spirit take these fragile words and breathe wheresoever she wills. Amen

***Hymn of Preparation:** Draw the Circle Wide (#145, [More Voices](#))

(Children to come forward during the last verse)

Reflecting on Holy Wisdom

Children's Time: Changing the World

Scripture Reading: ~ Beryl Taylor
Mark 5:21–43 Young girl raised; hemorrhaging woman healed.
This is the Wisdom of God's People.
Thanks be to God.

Message: Our Home on Native Land ~ Michele Braniff

Responding to God's Call

Moment for Individual Meditation

Hymn of Response: My Soul Cries Out (#120, [More Voices](#))
Vs. 1, 2, 4

Offertory Prayer:

One: God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Bless the offering we make and multiply the benefit and impact as Jesus' blessed and multiplied the loaves and fishes.

All: We give these gifts in faith of God's blessing and in trust of the stewards who we have selected. We give these gifts, as we live our lives, knowing that we are not in complete control and willing to surrender and trust God and our community through the Grace and love of God. Amen.

Offertory Music:

***Sung Response:** Take My Life and Let it Be
(#506, [Voices United](#)) vs 1, 5

Prayers of the People:

The Lord's Prayer: (sung) (#959, [Voices United](#))

Going Forth to Share the Good News

***Hymn of Mission:** May the God of Hope Go With Us
(#424, [Voices Unitede](#))

***Commissioning & Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** You Are Holy (#45, [More Voices](#))

***The End of Worship, the Beginning of Service.
Go In Peace! Amen.***