

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 a.m. Sunday 1 May 2022

Third Sunday of Easter/Native American Ministries Sunday

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ENTRANCE

Prelude and Lighting of Candles

Announcements *(To help us connect,
please sign the attendance pad in your pew)*

*Praise Choruses: Eight hymns in eight minutes

*Greeting**:

Every part of this earth is sacred.

**Every shining pine needle, every sandy shore,
every mist in the dark woods,
every clearing and humming insect is holy.**

The rocky crest, the meadow, the beasts and all the people,
all belong to the same family.

Teach your children that the earth is our mother.

Whatever befalls the earth befalls the children of the earth.

We are part of the earth, and the earth is a part of us.

The rivers are our brothers, they quench our thirst.

**The perfumed flowers are our sisters, the air is precious
for all of us share the same breath.**

The wind that gave our grandparents breath
also receives their last sigh

The wind gave our children the spirit of life.

This we know, the earth does not belong to us.

We belong to the earth.

This we know, all things are connected.

**Like the blood which unites one family,
all things are connected.**

Our God is the same God, whose compassion is equal for all.

For we did not weave the web of life.

We are merely a strand in it.

Whatever we do to the web we do to ourselves.

**Let us give thanks for the web
and the circle that connects us.**

Thanks be to God, the God of all.

*(Inspired by Oration of Chief Seattle,
Native American, U.S.A., 19th Cent.)*

*Opening Prayer^:

Almighty and most merciful God, the source of life,
who preserves us in safety,

**Grant that we who celebrate the Resurrection of your Son
may always live in your grace and fulfill your will for us,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

*Opening Hymn: 154 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer for Illumination: 2025 "As the Deer"

First Lesson: Acts 9:1-20

Psalter: 762 Psalm 30

Second Lesson: Revelation 5:11-14

*Hymn of Preparation: 2284 "Joy in the Morning"

*Gospel Lesson: John 21:1-19

Sermon: "The real thing"

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Affirmation of Faith: 883: "A Statement of Faith
of the United Church of Canada"

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

The Peace: Let us offer one another
signs of reconciliation and love.
The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Invitation: As forgiven and reconciled people,
let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

Offering/Offerory

*Doxology: 304 (*Verse 1 only*) "Easter People,
Raise Your Voices"

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All welcome

SENDING FORTH

*Closing Hymn: 304 (*Verses 2 and 3*) "Easter People,
Raise Your Voices"

*Closing Prayer: 329 "Prayer to the Holy Spirit"

*Extinguishing of Candles and Postlude/Going Forth

*Indicates the people standing, if able and willing

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