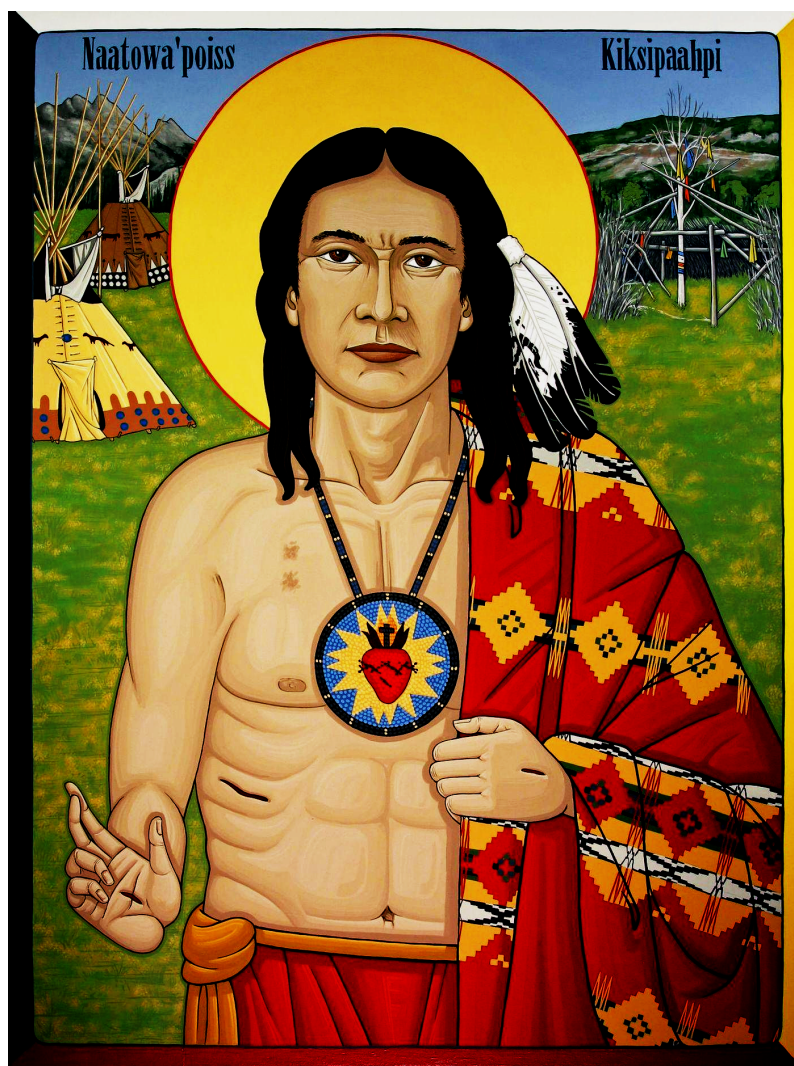


**Pentecost +5**  
**Indigenous Day of Prayer**  
**June 23, 2024 + 4pm**



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# Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

***No matter who you are or what you are carrying today,  
know you are beloved and so very welcome here.***

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation, and strive to practise the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey but we share a guiding sacred story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarised in our Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God—with our questions and doubts, our disillusionment with our institutions and our concern for our world.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressive, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few).

As a witness to unity in diversity, the AbbeyChurch is an affirming shared ministry of The United Church of Canada and The Anglican Church of Canada.

We draw on those spiritual traditions, as well as others across the Christian spectrum. We're also connected to Emmaus, an intentional community that is inspired by monasticism and that makes commitments to one another for prayer, presence and simplicity.

We believe that Christ's love and grace binds our differences together and renews our hope as we gather each week at Jesus' table of radical welcome.



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**778.557.4166 We would love to connect.**

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# We Gather

*The Abbey Church acknowledges that we worship and pray on the stolen territory of the, the Lək'wəḡən peoples', the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, and strive to journey toward reparation, right relationship and reconciliation with justice.*

## Opening Loop

## Tolling of the Bells

## Announcements

**A Note about Apologies** (UCC, ACC apologies available at the back table)

## Land Acknowledgement

*Bell x 3*

## Gathering Words

The ineffable, unending grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love supreme of God the Source  
and the mystic sweet communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

## And also with you!

## Collect of the Day

Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven.  
Continue to renew us in your truth,  
to give light to our minds  
strength to our bodies,  
and seal us with your Holy Spirit.  
We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.

The Anglican Church of Canada, Collect for Indigenous Day of Prayer

*During this gathering song, folks of all ages (including children and youth!) are welcome to set the orange table with icons and symbols of faith and hope found on the back table!*

*Today's music has been chosen noting the tradition of the 'gospel jamboree', particularly in the Anglican Indigenous tradition. Many of these old time gospel songs have sacred significance for Indigenous Christians on Turtle Island. We are grateful to Kaminawadzi Pewi Alfred for the use of the Kwakwaka'wakw hymn recordings used in this worship.*

## Opening Song: I Saw The Light

I wandered so aimless, life filled with sin  
I wouldn't let my dear Saviour in  
Then Jesus came  
like a stranger in the night  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

*Refrain:* I saw the light, I saw the light  
No more darkness, no more night  
Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light

I was a fool to wander and stray  
For straight is the gate  
and narrow the way  
Now I have traded, the wrong for the right  
Praise the Lord, I saw the light. *Refrain.*  
CCLI. Hank Williams. 1948. Renewed 1975 Sony/ATV Acuff  
Rose Music (Admin. by Sony/ATV Acuff Rose Music)

x

**The Poem** *selected and read by poet-in-residence Rebecca Yeo*

## **We Proclaim**

### **A reading from the Prophet Isaiah (40: 28-31)**

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
God does not faint or grow weary; God's understanding is unsearchable.  
God gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.  
Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted,  
but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint.

...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### **Sung Gospel Acclamation: Spirit of the Loving God**

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Daniel Iverson (1936) / Birdwing Music / CCLI / VU

### **The Gospel (John 1: 1-18, First Nations Version)**

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

#### **With our words and with our lives!**

Long ago, in the time before all days, before the creation of all things, the one who is known as the Word was there face to face with the Great Spirit. This Word fully represents Creator and shows us who he is and what he is like. He has always been there from the beginning, for the Word and Creator are one and the same. Through the Word all things came into being, and not one thing exists that he did not create. Creator's life shined out from the Word, giving light to all human beings. This is the true Light that comes to all the peoples of the world and shines on everyone. The Light shines into the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it or put it out. Into the wilderness of the Land of Promise (Judea) came one named Gift of Goodwill (John). He was sent by the Great Spirit to tell what he knew about the Light so everyone could believe. He was not the Light but came to speak the truth about the Light. The true Light that shines on all people was coming into the darkness of this world. He came down into this world, and even though he made all things, the world did not recognize him. Even his own tribe did not welcome or honour him. But all who welcome and trust him receive their birthright as children of the Great Spirit. ... No one has ever seen the Great Spirit, but the one Son, who is himself the Great Spirit and closest to the Father's heart, has shown us what he is like....

Let us proclaim the Gospel from the rooftops!

#### **With our words and with our lives!**

### **Acclamation: Spirit of the Living God**

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
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**Sermon** (prerecorded) Chief Golden Eagle Man from the Bear Clan. Cree member of Peguis First Nation, Murray Still. (Lutheran/ACC)  
with UCC apology history included.

*Bell + short silence*

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm the ancient story of our faith*

## **The Apostles Creed**

We believe in God Almighty, Maker of all heav'n and earth;  
And in Jesus Christ, our Saviour: God's own Son of matchless worth;  
By the Spirit was conceived of the virgin Mary born,  
God in whom we have believed: God Almighty Three-in-One.

Suffered under Pontius Pilate, on the cross, he bled and died;  
Placed within the grave so silent, where for three days he did lie;  
Then the stone-sealed tomb was empty; we believe he did arise;  
Triumphed o'er the grave forever, over death he is the Christ.

Into heaven he ascended - seated at God's own right hand  
'Til he comes again in glory, gracious judge o'er every land;  
We confess the Holy Spirit who was sent through Christ the Son  
Who is Lord and giver of life - God, the Spirit, Three-in-One.

We believe the Church of Jesus, catholic, it ere remains;  
We are one through all the ages, the communion of the saints.  
We believe sins are forgiven, that our bodies shall be raised  
Everlasting life the promise - may God's holy name be praised.

Decker / Cardiphonia Music, 2006. / CCLI

**The Importance of Prayer** (video) Murray Pruden, Nehiyaw, Cree First Nation from the Goodfish Lake and Saddle Lake First Nation (UCC)

## **Our Prayers**

**Barbara Ubiel**

## **The Confession**

*During this song, we invite you to sing along, and bring your confession to God - for what we have done and left undone - personally, and collectively...*

## **Confession Song: Many and Great O God Are Your Works**

*This song, which is also known as the "Dakota Hymn," was sung by thirty-eight Dakota prisoners of war as they were led to execution at Mankato, Minnesota, on December 26, 1862.*

*This song was first published in the Dakota Indian Hymnal (1916).*

Many and great, O God, are your works,  
maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set  
the heavens with stars;  
your fingers spread  
the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your word the waters were formed;  
deep seas obey your voice.

Grant unto us communion with you,  
O star-abiding One.  
Come unto us and dwell with us;  
with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end,

eternal life with you.

(Wakantanka taku nitawa tankaya qa ota;  
mahpiya kin eyahnake ça,  
maka kin he duowanca;  
mniowanca sbeya wanke cin, hena oyakihi.

Woehdaku nitawa kin he minaği kin qu wo;  
mahpiya kin iwankam yati,  
wicowašte yuha nanka,  
wiconi kin he mayaqu nun, owihanke  
wanin)

## **The Assurance/Absolution**

## The Peace

...The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*All are invited to offer a gesture or sign of God's peace to those around them.*

*During the 'offertory' song, the communion table is set.*

*Contributions to our common life can be made at the back of the space (now or later).*

*As we prepare for this holy feast we are reminded that all are welcome to receive wherever they find themselves in their spiritual journey. All are welcome to Jesus' table - as you feel ready.*

### The Offertory Song: It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river  
attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
What ever my lot,  
Thou has taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain: It is well (It is well)  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Though Satan should buffet,  
tho' trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood  
for my soul. *refrain.*

My sin oh, the bliss  
of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross  
and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
O my soul! *refrain.*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight.  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,  
The trump shall resound  
and the Lord shall descend,  
"Even so" it is well with my soul. *refrain.*  
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## We Celebrate

### The Prayer Over the Gifts

Creator, you bless us with many good gifts returned to you from your creation.  
Feed us with the Bread of Life, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The Anglican Church of Canada,*

### The Great Thanksgiving

God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God**

Let us give thanks to our Creator God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Holy God, How wonderful is the work of your hands! All of creation echoes the music of your praise. When sin had scarred the world, You made a covenant to renew the whole of creation. You embraced a people as your own and filled them with longing for a peace that would last and for a justice that would never fail. **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Through countless generations your people hungered for the bread of freedom.  
From them you raised up Jesus your Son, the living bread, in whom ancient hungers are filled. You have sent your Holy Spirit as a mighty stream to refresh and renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with the company of heaven and all of your creation we sing:

♩ = 100      Em    C    G    D    G    Am    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

O- Holy - Holy Holy Lord - O God of power and Might. All

C    Am<sup>7</sup>    G    D    G    C    Em

Heaven and earth of-your glory are full Ho - sanna in the high - est. O

Bm    Em    D    G    G    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

Blessed is the one who comes in the name-of-the Lord! Ho-

C    Am    G    D    G    C    Em

-sanna in the high - est. Ho - sanna in the high - est.

While Jesus was eating with his disciples, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take, this is my body. Do this in remembrance of me."  
**Glory to you forever and ever.**

As supper was ending, Jesus took the wine and after blessing it, poured it, gave it to them and said, take, this is my blood, do this in remembrance of me. **Glory to you forever and ever.**

Holy God we give you thanks for the mystery of faith given to us in Jesus your Child:

♩ = 100      Em    C    G    D    G    Am    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

Sing Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain! Sing

C    Am<sup>7</sup>    G    D    G    C    Em

Christ has died and Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that with burning hearts, we may be a people of hope, justice, and love. As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread, so may your church, scattered to the ends of the earth, be gathered and made one in your love.

♩ = 100      Em    C    G    D    G    Am    Dsus<sup>4</sup>

A - men, a - men, O Ho - ly One! Ho - san-na and A - men! A -

C    Am<sup>7</sup>    G    D    G    C    Em

men, a - men, O Ho - ly One, Ho - san - na and A - men!

**The Prayer of Jesus**



As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught:

**Our \*Father** (\*or Parent, or Source, or Mother) **who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come,**  
**Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread.**  
**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, the power and the glory**  
**Forever and ever. Amen.**

*Silence.*

These are the gifts of God for the people of God given for the life of the world.

**Thanks be to God!**

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but may contain almond flour, egg and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy /almond option (rice cracker). The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the larger common cup.*

*Please refrain from dipping the bread.*

### **Communion Song / Agnus Dei: Just As I Am**

*prerecorded in Kwak'wala and then sung together in English*

Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

*Charlotte Elliot / Public Domain (and VU508)*

### **Communion Song: Amazing Grace**

*prerecorded in Kwak'wala and then sung together in English*

Xanyadzi di igalat'ses  
San's kwak'wala'enuxwa  
Xasa'ol gan la'misan ka  
Pap'as lan dukwalax'id

He'mi igalat'si san's Gi  
Dhu' laxwalalat'sesi  
Ya 'wix'id xan noka'yi  
Kan ukwas'ide ki

Kinaman lalawu'la'las  
Lalaxsola'am lax  
He'mi igalat'sesan's Gi  
Gu'xw'id kan iko'an lax

Xa nakap'ax'idagila  
Kwakagawe's thiala  
Tsalwakalat' amyaxalat'  
Ki's tla laba'enuxw

Amazing grace how sweet the sound,  
that saved a wretch like me;  
I once was lost, but now am found  
was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear -  
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toil and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far -  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise -  
Than when we've first begun.

*John Newton/Public Domain*

### **Prayer after Communion**



Let us pray together: **Great Creator, you have fed us with bread from heaven. continue to renew us in your truth, to give light to our minds strength to our bodies, and seal us with your Holy Spirit. We ask this in Christ's name. Amen.**  
the Anglican Church of Canada.

## **We Are Sent**

**Blessing** The United Church of Canada

One: Holy God, as we go in a new way,

**All: May we trust the path.**

One: As we go in a new way,

**All: May we celebrate the parts of the journey that we share.**

One: As we go in a new way,

**All: May we commit to keep pace.**

One: As we go in a new way,

**All: May we seek to remove all that might entangle us.**

One: As we go in a new way,

**All: May we celebrate that you are the one who sets us on the road.**

One: Send us forth from this place, transformed, knowing that this is holy ground.

*Sung Together...* **The Lord Bless you and keep you  
The Lord make Their face shine upon you - and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up Their countenance upon you and give you peace...**  
And the blessing...

### **Closing Song: How Great Thou Art**

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works  
thy hands have made  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder  
Thy power throughout  
the universe displayed

*Refrain:* Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art  
Then sings my soul,  
my Saviour God, to Thee  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art

When through the woods,  
and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees  
When I look down,

from lofty mountain grandeur  
And see the brook, and feel the gentle  
breeze. *refrain.*

And when I think,  
that God, whose Son not sparing  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in  
That on the Cross,  
my burden gladly bearing  
He bled and died to take away my sin  
*Refrain.*

When Christ shall come,  
with shout of acclamation  
And make my home,  
what joy shall fill my heart  
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration  
And then proclaim:  
"My God, how great Thou art!" *refrain.*  
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### **Dismissal:**

Go forth on the wings of eagles, to love the world, Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### **Closing Announcement Loop**

***We will be here next Sunday at 4pm for worship.***

***For July / August - we'll worship every other week! - see below!***

### **Summer Worship Schedule**

<b>June 30</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +6
<b>July 7</b>	-	off week - Join us at the Pride Parade
<b>July 14</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +8
<b>July 21</b>	-	off week
<b>July 28</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +10
<b>August 4</b>	-	off week
<b>August 11</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +12
<b>August 18</b>	-	off week
<b>August 25</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church - Pentecost +14
<b>September 1</b>	-	worship at 4pm Willows Beach - Season of Creation
<b>September 8</b>	-	worship at 4pm Abbey Church, return to weekly

### **Prayer and Communion gatherings other than Sunday Afternoons**

**Mondays at 9am** - Morning Prayer with Centering Prayer @ AbbeyChurch office  
(off the Balmoral parking lot, metal stairs up) - in-person only.

**MONDAY Our Place Eucharist** MONTHLY on a Monday for the summer. THIS MONSDAY  
June 24 and July 15 Folks can meet in the parking lot at 10:45 to walk over together.

**Tuesdays at 8:15am** - morning prayer - Lynn and Phil's - and online on Zoom

**Thursdays at 8:15am** - morning prayer -  
AbbeyChurch office (see above) and online on zoom.

**Fridays at 8:15am** - morning prayer - *on-line zoom only*

**Sundays at 10am** - Spanish Anglican Eucharist at Quadra/Balmoral Chapel.  
Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe -

Misas Todos Los domingos a las 10: 00 de la Mañana con Fr. Dimas Canjura  
*Our weekday common prayer is liturgical in nature and based on ancient monastic practices.  
It's open to all who wish to join in-person or online. Liturgies can be found on our website.*

# National Indigenous Day of Prayer

In 1971, the observance of June 21 as a National Indian Day of Prayer was formally recognized by both The United Church of Canada, at the 24th General Council and the General Synod of The Anglican Church of Canada.

In 1982 the National Indian Brotherhood (now the Assembly of First Nations) called for the creation of a National Aboriginal Solidarity Day. Around that time the Sacred Assembly, a national conference chaired by Elijah Harper, also had a similar call for a national holiday to celebrate the contributions of Indigenous Peoples. And the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples (1995) recommended the designation of a National First Peoples Day. More recently, on June 21, 2017, the prime minister issued an intention to rename this day National Indigenous Peoples Day.

The United and Anglican Churches had traditionally referred to the Sunday before National Indigenous Peoples Day as Aboriginal Sunday. As part of acknowledging National Indigenous Peoples Day, communities of faith are invited to focus on prayer, as it was originally intended in 1971.

The following are a series of excerpts from These Mountains Are Our Sacred Places by the Rev. Dr. Chief John Snow, and Around the Sacred Fire, by Dr. James Treat. Both of these books capture history and teachings from the Indian Ecumenical Conferences that were held throughout the 1970s and 80s. It was in 1971 that the Indian Ecumenical Conference first conceived of June 21 as a National Indian Day of Prayer. In this quote, the Rev. Dr. Snow speaks of this experience:

One of the highlights of my life was hosting the North American Indian Ecumenical Conference. The event was held annually from 1971 to 1985 in the Stoney Indian Park, a magnificent setting of hills, valleys and creeks, with a buffalo herd grazing nearby amongst poplar, spruce, pine, fir and willow. The Old Bow Fort Creek flows by the sacred grounds and in the background of the Rocky Mountains tower over the camp....

“These sacred rock monuments remind me that the Great Creator is timeless, while the refreshing mountain springs and the wildlife that inhabit His hills remind me that He is generous and loving.”

Indigenous and non-Indigenous people came from all over North America for the four-to seven-day-long Conference. Indigenous peoples from Central and South America, New Zealand and Hawaii, and Laplanders from the old country were all warmly welcomed. Many elders came to speak and to teach the traditions and the spiritual ways of our people. In attendance were medicine people, ceremonial leaders, Chiefs, councillors, clergy, youth and children. (Snow, 233–34).

Often people would gather around the sacred fire for prayers, meditations, telling stories, sharing experiences, and encouraging one another in the journey of life. Many of us felt the presence of God, the Creator, and were touched. We felt a deeper understanding of our faith as we sat around the fire. (Snow, 234)

And this quote from the late Mr. Jim White, a respected United Church Elder, is from Around the Sacred Fire: “Many of those who spoke up during Conference sessions expressed concern for the younger generation. Some were grateful that educated native youth could start “rewriting” the history texts, reforming “the education system,” and providing leadership for their own people. “If you are sending your youngsters out to the urban city for an education, welcome him back,” Kwakiutl school counsellor Jim White told his colleagues. “Make sure you can utilise his education. That’s what he went in and got educated for, and don’t let him stand around and not do anything about it.” (Treat, 202–203)

Many Elders at the time participated in the North American Indian Ecumenical Conference sharing their ceremonies, time, and wisdom at Stoney Indian Park, in Morley, Alberta.

Today, National Indigenous Peoples Day is a celebration of language, culture, and history. It is good to remember the Steering Committee of the Indian Ecumenical Conference, who had the vision of setting aside June 21 as a holy day for all peoples to gather and pray.

adapted from Bill Snow, Stoney Nakoda First Nation, Alberta, member of the Indigenous Justice and Residential School Committee; Rev. Maggie Dieter, Executive Minister, Aboriginal Ministries and Indigenous Justice, The United Church of Canada



# CAMP SPIRIT

## SUMMER 2024

**JULY 8-12, 2024**

**AbbeyChurch**  
932 Balmoral Rd, Victoria  
(in building formerly known as First Met)

### CAMP DETAILS

**Camp Fee: \$175**


Inclusive of Lunch and Snacks, Camp Spirit T-shirt, Program and Supply costs

*We offer financial assistance! Request a bursary during the online-registration process for an immediate fee discount*

### REGISTRATION INFO

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 [campspirit@united-church.ca](mailto:campspirit@united-church.ca)

 **800-934-0434 or  
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## **CAMP SPIRIT Greater Victoria** *at AbbeyChurch - July 8-12!*

*A great United Church day camp. Spread the word.*

*Subsidies - including full subsidies available.*

*We could also use helpers, home billets for leaders and supplies. Talk to Rob.*