

WELCOME TO...

The Presbyterian Church of
Saint David

June 22, 2014



HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

Gathering: *Reconciling Christ, bless our efforts to bring about reconciliation. Give us the strength to persevere without counting the hurts, and to find within ourselves the capacity to keep on loving. Give us the grace to be able to stand in the middle of situations, and to be a conduit for the deep listening which can lead to healing and forgiveness. Help us to conduct ourselves with dignity, giving and expecting respect, moving from prayer to action, and from action back again into prayer. Grant that we may be so grounded in your love, that our security is not threatened if we change our minds, or begin to see a better way to act.*

Hymn: When love is found (vs. 1-2)

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Lord, we confess that often we think in ways that do not reflect the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace, transform our minds and enable us to think differently toward our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Lord, we confess that often our feelings towards others do not reflect the gospel of our

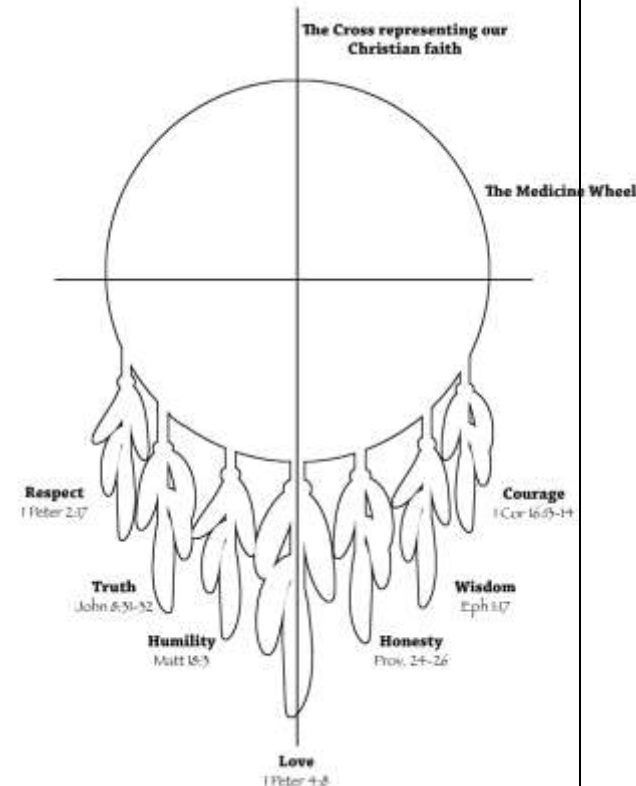
Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace, transform our hearts and enable us to love our Indigenous sisters and brothers.

Lord, we confess that often we act in ways that do not reflect the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. By your grace,

strengthen our resolve and enable us to seek your face in all people. We seek your guidance as a church, O God, as we continue to seek

opportunities to walk with

Indigenous peoples to find healing and wholeness together



as God's people. Amen.

Hymn: When love is found (vs. 3-4)

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A thought to guide us: "For he is our peace; in his flesh he had made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is the hostility between us...that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.... in him the whole structure is joined together." Ephesians 2: 14f.

Hymn: When love is found (vs. 5)

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Prayer: *Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. All of us - sons, daughters, parents, men and women of all ages - so that we can dream dreams and see visions of what could be. Spirit of the living God, bestow your gifts on us. We need the Spirit's gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, miraculous powers, prophecy, discernment, different tongues and interpretation. These gifts are required for our common good, but also to bring about healing and reconciliation with our Indigenous brothers and sisters. Spirit of the living God, show wonders among us. Wonders in the heaven above, and signs on the earth below. Spirit of the living God, bring us the peace and forgiveness that Jesus promised. And, Spirit of the living God, set us right. Allow us to call on you to save us before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. Amen.*

Invitation: *Come in weakness, find strength; come in sickness, find health; Come in chains, find freedom; come in confusion, find peace; Come in sorrow, find joy; come in doubt, find faith; Come in despair, find courage; come alone, find Christ. As we gather at this table, let us share the peace of Christ by greeting our neighbours with a handshake and offering words of peace, "The peace of Christ."*

Hymn: Christ, you call us all to service

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Prayer of Thanksgiving:

The Lord is here. God's spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give thanks and praise. (Continue in thanksgiving)

O God, giver of all that is good,

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these

gifts of bread and wine. May we know you in the fullness of your presence –Redeemer, Reconciler and Restorer. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other.

Hymn: Eat this bread

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Communion

Prayer after Communion *Thanks be to you, reconciling God, for your love and mercy and forgiveness in Christ. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. Amen.*

Hymn: May the Lord bless you

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Christians gathered here today, brothers and sisters in faith, we who would wish to be a sign of reconciliation through the power of the cross: May the Lord bless us and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us. May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of Christ. Amen.

