

•St Andrew's United

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# WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us this morning! June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 National Aboriginal Day \*All who are able are asked to stand

#### Our Vision: A Worshipping-Sharing-Welcoming Community Mailing Address: 1537 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS B3J 2G1 Minister (Kenn Stright): stdavids.stright@bellaliant.com stdavids.office@ns.sympatico.ca Telephone: (902) 423-1944 Organist (Tristan Cleveland-Thompson): stdavids.music@bellaliant.com Web site: www.saintdavids.ca

## God Calls Us to Worship

#### Prelude:

\*The Entry of the Scriptures

Call to Worship: Love one another. This is The Way of Christ. Serve one another. This is The Way of Christ. Live in peace with one another. This is The Way of Christ. Seek justice for one another. This is The Way of Christ. We are called to walk, act, speak and live all of our lives with the love of Christ Jesus. Come, let us follow The Way, love one another, and worship Christ our Saviour. Hymn: For the healing of the Nations 736 Prayer of Confession: Creator God, our country has journeyed for six years in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process, seeking understanding, healing, and reconciliation. It has not always been an easy path, but we have sought to walk it together. We have tried to listen to each other's stories. We have sought to understand without judgement. We have noted the differences in values and traditions, but also the places where we share values and traditions.

We are all your children. You embrace all in your love. You call us now to reflect that love to each other. You call us to be brothers and sisters on the path to reconciliation. Amen.

Assurance: This we surely know... Forgiving One, your love is higher than the starry heavens. Merciful One, your kindness is deeper than the ocean. Righteous One, let each of us be the embodiment of your love and kindness for speaking the truth and reconciling with one another. Amen.

#### We Hear God's Word

'O Great Spirit'

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First Reading: Micah 6: 6-8 Nancy Tindall One: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God. Responsive Reading: Psalm 9:9-20 & The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you. A Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion. Declare his deeds among the peoples. For he who

avenges blood is mindful of them; he does not forget the **cry of the afflicted.** <sup>★</sup>Be gracious to me, O LORD. See what I suffer from those who hate me; you are the one who lifts me up from the gates of death, **#so that I may** recount all your praises, and, in the gates of daughter **Zion, rejoice in your deliverance.** The nations have sunk in the pit that they made; in the net that they hid has their own foot been caught. **In the LORD has made** himself known, he has executed judgment; the wicked are snared in the work of their own hands. <sup>™</sup>The wicked shall depart to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. **For the** needy shall not always be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor perish forever. A Rise up, O LORD! Do not let mortals prevail; let the nations be judged before you. <sup>𝔄</sup>Put them in fear, O LORD; let the nations know that they are only human. Gloria Patri (sung) Hymn Praise our Maker, peoples of one family 700 Community Conversation with Kate From the letters: 2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 Gospel: Matthew 5: 21-24 The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ Many and Great Hymn: 301 Time for Truth... Sermon:

#### We Respond to God's Word

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Anthem: \*Doxology: *"Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"* **830** Offertory Prayer Announcements: *"Lord, listen to your children praying"* **449** Prayers of the People: John Wamboldt

#### We Go Out to Serve God

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\*Hymn: O for a World \*Benediction \*Choral Amen Postlude:

### Worship is now ended let our service begin!

Scottish Fiddle Concert: Sunday, June 21, 2:30 p.m. Cathedral Church of All Saints Tickets \$15.00

### THIS WEEK in the summer - (June 21-28)

Refreshments following the service. Today Friday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm David's Place 9:00 am Early service with Sunday communion: 9:45 am Circle of Prayer. 10:30 am Traditional service with **Russ Daye preaching** 



**GO Project**: The United Church offers youth from across Canada the opportunity to form a faith community, explore their faith and live out their faith in various outreach projects around Halifax. The GO participants arrive soon and will need drives, laundry services, and some baking. They also need some air mattresses and bus tickets. If you can offer any of this please contact the GO coordinator at miriamillmanwhite@cmail.carleton.ca or kevin.little@eastlink.ca

"With what shall I Micah 6: 6-8 come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O

mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

2 Corinthians 5: 17-21 So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Matthew 5:21-24 "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not murder'; and "whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift.



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MISSION CAPSULES: Responding to God's call for justice Presbyterians Sharing supports Justice Ministries as it works with congregations to sow seeds of hope and respond to the justice imperatives of the gospel. Staff work with churches and presbyteries that are caring for creation, advocating for stronger social programs to assist low income neighbours and building up relationships

between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Today we mark the closing event of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and Aboriginal Day.

**PRAYER PARTNERSHIP** Indigenous peoples have rich spiritual, political and cultural traditions that make the tapestry of Canadian society richer and more vibrant. Give thanks for Indigenous leaders who are working to build strong Indigenous communities.

**STEWARDSHIP** When the last tree is cut, the last fish is caught, and the last river is polluted; when to breathe the air is sickening, you will realize, too late, that wealth is not in bank accounts and that you can't eat money. Alanis Obomsawin

We welcome all who are worshipping here today! If you are here for the first time, please sign the Guest Book at the main entrance. Our Welcoming Elder this morning is Phyllis Morrison. Our reader for this morning is Nancy Tindall. Our refreshment hosts today are Nancy Tindall and Val Macdonald

