

Worship at Trafalgar Presbyterian Church September 25th, 2022

Livestream YouTube link: <https://youtu.be/gMgUEgfDGMw>

PRELUDE:

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

As we worship today, we know that this Friday, September 30 is National Truth and Reconciliation Day and is also known as “Orange Shirt Day.” Orange Shirt Day began in 1973 when six-year-old Phyllis Webstad entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C. Young Phyllis was wearing a new orange shirt that her grandmother had gotten for her for her first day of school—but the Mission Oblates quickly stripped her of her new shirt and replaced it with the school’s institutional uniform. Wearing an orange shirt on September 30 is one way to publicly and collectively remember the intense and enduring harm that was done to Indigenous children and communities through the Residential School system. It is also a way of showing support for all—Survivors and intergenerational Survivors—whose lives have been impacted by the schools. The orange shirts also honour the many Indigenous children who never made it home from the schools.

MEDITATION MUSIC: & CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: Jesus called us to be open to the gifts of change that surround us.

People: Great Spirit, we can feel and see the change as the seasons bring their warmth and acceptance.

L: Lord, help us to be respectful of the spirituality of our Aboriginal brothers and sisters.

P: Great Spirit, help us to walk together with all your children, to recognize your gifts of creation, and to learn the lessons that creation has for us.

L: Lord, help us to be more like you; and to remember your son in everything that we say and do. God, you have sent the Holy Spirit so all humans can call out, “We are children of The Promise.”

P: The promise from you is for abundant life, peaceful living, and being together in a good and compassionate way. God has freed us all so that we might enjoy life, and live together with all nations in peace. Amen.

OPENING SONG: #634 *Will you come and follow me* (Iona Community – John Bell)

♪ *Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?*

2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

CHILDREN'S TIME: #250 *Lord of the Dance*

(Sydney Carter)

♪ I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth: At Bethlehem I had my birth.

(Chorus) Dance, then, wherever you may be I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee, But they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me; I danced for the fishermen, for James and John; They came with me and the dance went on: ***(Chorus)***

TIME OF LAMENT re Residential Schools:

PRAYERS: #202 *We lay our broken world (sung to #389)*

(Anna Briggs)

Might you share with me now a prayer written for such a worship time provided by our denomination - as we bear witness, and seek reconciliation:

♪ (#442) 1. *We lay our broken world in sorrow at your feet, haunted by hunger, war and fear, oppressed by power and hate.*

God of all peoples, in all times and places;

♪ 3. *We bring our broken towns, our neighbours hurt and bruised; you show us how old pain and wounds for new life can be used.*

Creator, Healing God on this National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

♪ 5. *We bring our broken selves confused and closed and tired then through your gift of healing grace new purpose is inspired.*

Reconciling God, We are called to gentleness, to compassion and to radical acceptance of difference...

♪ 6. *O Spirit, on us breathe with life and strength anew find in us love, ...& hope... & trust and lift us up to you.*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

LORD'S PRAYER

Our father – which 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 and forgive us our debts; as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 47 (selected verses); Luke 5:1-11

Reader: Anne Murdoch

This is the word of the Lord - ...thanks be to God.

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS:

♫ *Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, Amen*

MESSAGE: *Net mending...and casting the nets*

HYMN: #753 *You walk along our shoreline (sung to #801)* (Sylvia Dunstan)

♫ You walk along our shoreline where land meets unknown sea
We hear your voice of power: 'Now, come and follow me'
And if you still will follow through storm and wave and shoal
then I will make you fishers, but of the human soul.

2. You call us, Christ, to gather the people of the earth
We cannot fish for only those lives we think have worth
We spread your net of gospel across the water's face
Our boat a common shelter for all found by your grace

3. We cast our net O Jesus, we cry the kingdom's name
We work for love and justice, we learn to hope through pain
You call us, Lord, to gather God's daughters and God's sons
To let your judgement heal us so that all may be one. +

BENEDICTION

BLESSING SONG: *Go now in peace*

(Don Besig)

POSTLUDE: