



The United Church of Canada
Conseil régional Nakonha:ka
Regional Council
St. Francis Regional Cluster
Regroupement St-François

June 1, 2025 - 11 am.

We Gather

Prelude “Pastoral” (Sydney Watson)

Welcome/Bienvenue and Announcements Angelika Piché

Land Acknowledgement/Reconnaissance du Territoire

Introit “ Let All the World in Every Corner Sing”
(Bert Van Der Hoek)

Call to Worship/Appel à l’adoration

One Hundred Years of vision united, of mission united, of
worship united, of voices united!

**Cent Ans! De partenariat mondial et national, de
relations œcuméniques et interconfessionnelles.**

Appropriately, in a hockey arena on Mutual Street in Toronto,
this United Church of ours was brought to life.

**Gathered as Methodists, Presbyterians,
Congregationalists and others, as Christians united they
journeyed on together.**

Un millier de voix se sont élevées pour chanter la foi d’une
génération, et cette foi résonne encore dans les voix de nos
enfants.

**Informed by the past, with eyes to the future, today we
walk a path of reconciliation with each other and all of
God’s creation.**

Avec une table qui ne cesse de s’agrandir, nous offrons un
accueil exubérant et une hospitalité radicale.

**We are called to worship with deep spirituality, bold
discipleship and daring justice.**

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Across the nation, from The Rock to the Rockies, from
Inqaluit to Pointe Pelee, we are called to worship.

**Dans la joie et la célébration, le chagrin et la
lamentation, nous sommes appelés à l’adoration.**

(from 100th Anniversary worship resources, altered)

Opening Prayer

**Almighty God, we gather today with hearts filled with
gratitude, as we celebrate one hundred years of The
United Church of Canada. We thank you for the wisdom
and leadership that guided us through the past century,
and we offer our deepest gratitude to all those who have
contributed to our journey.**

**As we reflect on the many blessings bestowed upon us,
we acknowledge the countless acts of service, the spirit
of collaboration, and the unwavering commitment to
seek justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our
God. May your blessings continue to flow upon us as we
embark on this next chapter. May we be faithful
stewards of the legacy entrusted to us.**

**Grant us the wisdom, the grace, and the strength to
carry your torch, to embrace the challenges, and to
continue to serve with integrity, humility, and love. In
Jesus’ name, we ask this prayer, Amen.** (Ron Coughlin)

Time of Silent Prayer and Assurance of Grace

Hymn from the Methodist Tradition

“The Church’s One Foundation”

VU 331

(v. 2 & 3 in French)

To Hear the Word of God

Learning Together “One Hundred Years Young”

Shanna Bernier

Hebrew Scripture Deuteronomy 30: 11-14 & 19

Beatrice Lambie

Responsive Reading Psalm 118 **VU 837** Meredith Lambie
Read at the service celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the United Church

Anthem "I Feel the Spirit" (traditional spiritual, arr. Don Besig)

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 told by Ron Coughlin

Hymn from the Presbyterian Tradition
"When I survey the Wondrous Cross" **VU 149**
Sung at the Inaugural Service in 1925 (v. 2 & 3 in French)

Homily Royal Orr

Musical Interlude "Song of India" (Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakoff)
Leopold Mainka-Ruck on the Saxophone

Hymn from the Congregationalist Tradition
"Blessed Assurance" **VU 337**

And to Respond.

Vision Statement of the United Church
Samuel Vauvert Dansokho

The United Church of Canada vision reflects what the church aspires to be over a 5- to 10-year span.

Called by God, as disciples of Jesus, The United Church of Canada seeks to be a bold, connected, evolving church of diverse, courageous, hope-filled communities united in deep spirituality, inspiring worship, and daring justice.

Appelée par Dieu, en tant que disciples de Jésus, l'Église unie du Canada cherche à être une Église audacieuse, connectée, évolutive, composée de communautés diverses, courageuses et pleines d'espoir, unies par une spiritualité profonde, un culte inspirant et une justice audacieuse.

What do you appreciate about the United Church?
Ron Coughlin

Sharing the Peace of Christ

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to Communion/Invitation à la communion
Tami Spires & Ron Coughlin

Our offering/Nos offrandes
"Prelude in A Major" (J.S. Bach)

You have received a blue envelope which comes from the United Church Foundation. It invites you to give a donation to your local church or for the work of the Indigenous Church, or a new racialized church or francophone ministries. Be sure to mark the name of your congregation and your name for a tax-deductible receipt. Thank you

Offering Response **VU 543**
**We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.**

L'hymne Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ **VU 468**

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving/Prière d'action de grâce

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Élevez vos cœurs.

Nous les élevons vers Dieu.

Let us give thanks to God.

Il est juste de lui rendre grâce et de le louer.

Béni sois-tu, Créateur du ciel et de la terre ... we join the unending hymn: **Communion Setting E VU 842**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. (2x)
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Repeat

Blessed indeed are you God ... And all God's people say:
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Nous reconnaissons également les moments...

Ton peuple prie : **Pardonne-nous, Seigneur. Aide-nous à apprendre tes voies.**

May our next hundred years ... proclaim the unfolding mystery of our faith as we sing:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Words of Institution/Paroles de l'institution

On the night before he gave himself up ... all glory and honour are yours, now and forever. (and we say together...)

Amen, Amen, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer/Notre Père

VU 959

Communion is Served

Prayer After Communion/ Prière après communion

Dieu d'unité et de diversité, alors que nous célébrons ce 100e anniversaire, nous nous engageons à nouveau: à vivre l'Évangile avec courage, à être une Église où tous et toutes sont les bienvenus, à rechercher la vérité, à aimer la miséricorde et à marcher humblement avec toi. May we who have been fed go out with the courage of your Spirit, to live as your church in the world—renewed, reformed, and always reforming. Amen.

A Contemporary Hymn "We are Marching" "Siyahamba"

VU 646

(sing 3 times first in Zulu and then in English)

Thank you

Mead Baldwin

Benediction

Choral Benediction "The Peace of God"

(John Rutter)

Postlude "Fugue in A Major"

(J.S. Bach)



Picture entitled "Place at the Table" and reimagines Davinci's "Last Supper" from a United Church that seeks to be a diverse and welcoming place for all people.

More information about the project can be found at <https://united-church.ca/a-place-at-the-table> Photographer: Rev. Alan Lai

Please stay to enjoy a pot luck lunch provided by the various congregations.

Thank you to Maryse Simard, Leslie Young and Leopold Mainka-Ruck for the music today.

The United Church is holding a **100th Anniversary Worship Service** from Gower Street United Church in St. John's, NL on Sunday, June 8 at 5:30-7:30 pm ET. You can watch it on Youtube @UnitedChurchCda

Resonance 2025 is an exciting three-day conference in Montreal starting this Thursday, June 5 through Saturday, June 7, organized by the Montreal City Mission. Resonance 2025 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the United Church by exploring the many ways in which we try to overcome a sense of alienation by deepening "resonant" connections with other people, with nature and with the sacred. A host of speakers and workshops will develop this theme as it pertains to music and the arts, liturgy and many other facets of human experience. All are welcome to all or part of the event. It should be a marvelous conference! More information can be found at <https://www.resonance2025.com/>. Also, don't hesitate to email Bruce Gilbert if you have specific questions: bgilbert@usbishops.ca.

For those who would like to stay overnight, very inexpensive rooms (\$55) are available at the Presbyterian College in Montreal.