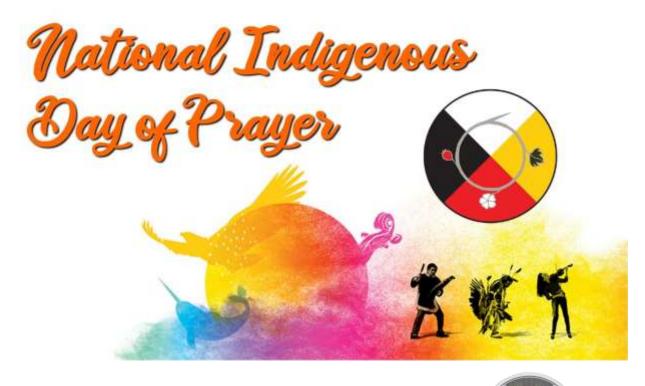
Gathering Table

a Faith Community in the Anglican Church of Canada



National Indigenous Day of Prayer
Fourth Sunday of Pentecost
Rev. Gail Clifton's Anniversary of Ordination

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Celebrant: Rev. Ann Camber

Preacher - Honorary Assistant: Rev. Gail Clifton

Lay Reader: Richard Pepper

Reader: Doug Semple

Special Music: Charles Suganaqueb

Music: Donna and Ted Hamill and GT Singers

Lectors: Sheila Chisholm and Richard Pepper

Eucharistic Assistants: Alex and Sylvia Kostecki

Greeter: Connie Bryson **Altar Guild**: Elaine McKinnon

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June 25th, 2023

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME TO GATHERING TABLE

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Welcome to all our visitors and newcomers. We're glad you're here! We invite you to sign our Visitors Book at the back of the church. We are a mask friendly place of worship, feel free to wear or not to wear a mask as determined by your comfort level. We encourage people with colds or any type of virus to wear masks.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

CALL TO WORSHIP

Opening Music: Shout To The North

<u>Celebrant:</u> Christ our true and only Light: receive our prayers and songs and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. Amen. (source: Gelasian Sacramentary)

Acknowledgement and Thanksgiving for the Land

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the treaty people on the traditional territory of the Anishnaabeg of the Fort William First Nation, the first people of this land. We offer our respect to those ancestors who may be interred in this land. We are also thankful for the gifts of the People of the land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and to those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray in Your name, Your son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER

<u>Celebrant:</u> God the Creator, the strength of the people, we honor you. Listen to the thoughts of your people. We respect the truth of your spirit world and care for your creations to the east, to the south, to the west and to the north. We honor you by deeds and not words. We live by the ways you have entrusted to us within the circle of life.

Reader: **Doug Semple**

Come Great Spirit as we gather in your name.

We face East: To your symbol color gold the breath of the morning sun, to your animal sign the Eagle which soars ever upward in the praise of the Creator and calls us to do the same, to your words calling us to balance our minds in the spirit of humility and truth. We invoke your Spirit of illumination and far sighted vision. The ways have shown us how to love you and each other with heart, mind, and soul, and we pray.

<u>ALL</u>: Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come

Reader: We turn to the South: To your symbol color red the hue of revelation, to your animal sign the Wolf...strong and enduring. The ways call us to balance of Spirit and harmony with all nations, tribes and clans. We invoke your wisdom, grace and goodness of the ages, and we pray.

ALL: Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come

Reader: We turn to the West: To your symbol color black the stillness of night, to your sign thunder mighty and bold, to your animal sign the Buffalo. The ways calls us to balance emotions in the tradition of truth and honesty. We invoke your spirit ways of seeing within the community and its strength to endure, and we pray.

ALL: Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come

Reader: We turn North: To your symbol color white the truth of clarity and brightness, to your animal sign, the Bear, which touches us with earthiness and all things growing, to your words calling us to balance of our body in

the spirit of a good sense and humor. We invoke your spirit of innocence, trust and love. The ways open our eyes to the sacredness of each living thing, and we pray.

ALL: Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come

Reader: We turn to complete the circle: To God the Creator who cleanses the world with snow wind and rain, to the Creator's Son, Jesus the Christ, who fills us with mercy and loving embrace of all nations and to the Holy Creator's Spirit who guides us, and we pray.

<u>ALL</u>: Come Holy Creator's Spirit, Come

<u>Celebrant:</u> Creator, you bent the earth like a bow until it was one, round, shining planet. At your word the land was drawn into mountains and tundra, forests and prairies; the waters were gathered together into rivers, lakes and seas. Many times, when people crossed these seas from other lands they broke the circle of your creation by their greed and violence and they shattered the lives of others. Creator renew the circle of the earth and turn the hearts of all people to one another; that they and all the earth may live and be drawn toward you through the love of Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit in the circle of the Trinity, forever One. Amen

(A Prayer to the Four Directions, adapted and revised from the prayer used at the National Cathedral, DC in A Celebration of Native American Survival Service, 1992)

The Gathering Prayer

<u>All:</u> Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the

center of this Sacred Circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your Spirit, for you are God, now and forever. Amen

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded using your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

All: Amen

THE WORD

(please be seated)

The First Readings is from The Book of Isaiah Isaiah 40: 25 – 31

²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

- ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?
- ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
 The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.
- ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.
- 3º Even youths will faint and be weary and the young will fall exhausted;
- ³¹ 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.

This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19: 1 - 14

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

- ¹The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
- ² Day to day pours forth speech,

- and night to night declares knowledge.
- ³ There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;
- 4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,
- ⁵ which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy, and like a strong man runs its course with joy.
- ⁶ Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple;
- 8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes;
- 9 the fear of the LORD is pure, enduring for ever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.
- ¹¹ Moreover by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

- ¹² But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.
- do not let them have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable to you,O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

The Second Reading is from Philippians

Philippians 4: 4 - 9

- ⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.
- ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.
- ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
- ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
- ⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if

there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual: Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
Special Music: Charles Suganaqueb
guitar and singing

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1: 1 - 18

The Word Became Flesh

- 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
- ² He was in the beginning with God.
- ³ All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being
- 4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

- ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.
- ⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.
- ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.
- ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.
- ⁹ The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.
- ¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.
- ¹¹ He came to what was his own,^[c] and his own people did not accept him.
- 12 But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,
- ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.
- ¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.
- ¹⁵ John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me."

- ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.
- ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.
- ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known

The Homily: **Rev. Gail Clifton**

Time for silent reflection

Creed

(A statement of belief)

<u>ALL</u>: We believe in the love of God, embodied in the person of Jesus, spread through the cosmos by the Holy Spirit.

(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(please stand if able)

Lay Reader: Creator and Redeemer, as we approach you in prayer, make us walk in beauty and balance, make us open our hearts and minds, make us speak the truth. We pray first for your Community, the Church, The Body of Christ. We pray for all our relatives in the circle of life throughout all Creation; for those chosen to be our leaders and teachers. Today we pray especially for the leaders of the Sacred Circle Church, the self-governing Indigenous church in the Anglican Church of Canada. We pray for Archbishop Christopher Harper, Bishop Lydia Mamakwa,

and all bishops, priests and deacons who serve in the Sacred Circle.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God,

People: Teach us and show us the way.

We thank you Creator for the earth, our Mother and home, with its beautiful depths, soaring heights and deep waters, its vitality and abundance of life, and together we ask that you:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

We thank you Creator for the mountains and tundra, the high green valleys and prairies filled with wild flowers, the snows, the summits of intense silence, and we ask that you:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

Thank you Creator the land which grows our food, the nurturing soil, the fertile fields, the abundant gardens and orchards, and we ask that you:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

We thank you Creator God for the forests, the great trees reaching strongly to the sky with earth in their roots and the heavens in their branches, the fir and the pine, the cedar and the maple, we ask you to:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

We thank you Creator for the creatures of the fields and forests and the waters, our brothers and sisters the wolves and deer, the eagle and bear, the great whales and the fish. We ask that you:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

We thank you Creator for all those who have lived on this earth, our ancestors and our friends, who dreamed the best for future generations, and upon whose lives our lives are built, and with thanksgiving, we ask you to:

People: Teach us and show us the way.

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. **Amen** (paraphrased from Prayers of the People, The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon)

Confession I

(Confession lets us set down the heavy things we carry with us, putting us in right relationship with one another & with God.)

<u>Celebrant</u>: For all that separates our hearts from God and from all that closes our eyes to God's love...

<u>Silence</u>

For what we have done, left undone, and what has been done on our behalf...

silence

For the pride that prevents us from forgiving others, as we have been forgiven...

silence

<u>ALL</u>: Jesus, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew rights spirit within us.

(University Episcopal Community at The Univ. of MN)

<u>Celebrant</u>: The Lord enrich you with grace, and nourish you with many blessings; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil; the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

THE PEACE

<u>Celebrant:</u> The peace of Christ be always with you

People: And also with you.

Offertory Song: Jesus On The Mainline

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

(Please stand if able)
After the altar is set for Communion we continue praying,

Prayer over the Gifts

<u>Celebrant</u>: 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.

<u>Celebrant:</u> Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

People: Blessed be God forever.

<u>Celebrant:</u> Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

People: Blessed be God forever.

(Offertory Prayer, Didache 3rd Century)

INVITATION TO THE COMMUNION

<u>Celebrant</u>: Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more. You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

<u>Celebrant:</u> God the Creator is here. <u>People:</u> God's Spirit is with us.

<u>Celebrant:</u> Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to God the Creator

<u>Celebrant:</u> Let us give thanks to God

People: It is right to offer our thanks and praise.

<u>Celebrant:</u> God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ.

With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the guardian spirits, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today. Just as in generations past, like our grandmothers and grandfathers, we come to worship you and acknowledge your greatness. We marvel at your creation.

You sent Jesus into creation because people had turned away from you and no longer loved each other, bringing death and destruction. Sharing our living and dying, Jesus opened our eyes and our hearts to understand that we are all relatives and that you are our Great Spirit the Creator. Stretching out his arms upon the cross, he became a perfect offering for all, uniting in beauty all that is, with all that has been, and with all that ever will be.

On the night Jesus was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

In this ceremony which Jesus gave us, we celebrate our salvation. In our offering of praise and thanks, we stand in the memory, strength, and love of Jesus' death, resurrection, and ascension. Remembering, we make our offering.

By your Holy Spirit, make our gifts holy, so that they may be spiritual food and drink. + Make us holy, so that we respectfully receive this feast and serve you in each other. Surrounded now by our ancestor saints, Mary, Enmegahbowh, David Oakerhater, Kateri Tekakwitha, Black Elk, Molly Brant, Henry Budd, James Settee and all saints and all angels, with the heavenly community which gives you worship forever. May we also live in unity and

live as relatives to all. (Eucharistic Prayer revised version from the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN)

United in Christ with all who stand before you on earth and heaven, we worship you, God the Creator, our Great Spirit, in songs and dance of infinite praise. Blessing, honor and glory be yours, here and everywhere, now and for ever. Amen.

(adapted from NZ Maori PB)

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, 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.
And 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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

THE FRACTION

<u>Celebrant:</u> "I am the bread of Life" says the Lord

Whoever comes to me shall not hunger and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

All: Taste and See that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him

<u>Celebrant</u>: These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

ALL: Thanks Be to God

Communion Music:

CP 407 Many And Great, O God, Are Thy Works CP 414 God Of The Sparrow (all 6 verses)

CP 352 Amazing Grace

(V1,4,5)

Post Communion Prayer

<u>ALL</u>: 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.

Blessing: Rev. Ann Camber

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. Amen.

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)

DISMISSAL

<u>Celebrant</u>: In the name of the Light that came into the

world go in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Announcements:

Closing Song: CP 408 Wind Upon The Waters

There will be a special coffee time treat of Bannock following the service. Thanks to Florena Newman who so generously baked the Bannock for us and to Susan Polhill - Klages, parish member, for donating the baking supplies to make the Bannock. We are extremely blessed! We have enough for the parish folks and the food cupboard clients.

Miigwech, Kinanaskomitin,

Please note that there is a 'treasure chest' at the back of the church where offerings can be left when leaving the church.

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

Genesis 22: 1 – 14... Psalm 13

Romans 6: 12 - 23. Matthew 10: 40 - 42

Anglican Cycle of Prayer Please Pray for:

3rd Sunday after Trinity

The Church of Bangladesh

<u>Anglican Lutheran Cycle of Prayer:</u> Please Pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, The Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, The Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, Suffragan Bishops, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of the Arctic

ELCIC The congregations of the northern area of the Saskatchewan Synod

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for:

All delegates, guests, and the National Planning Team as Assembly 2023 and General Synod 2023 meet in Calgary June 27-July 3.

Our Parish Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for our own church members

Ophelia Shawinimash, Lucy Shewaybick, Shirley Siipola, Mark Smith, Jay Smith, Laura-Lee Smith, Dale and Sharon Sparkes, Tom and Colleen Speer, Jon Stephens, James Stewart and Cassandra Dumontier, Eric and Ann Strand, Evelyn Strawson, Charles Suganaqueb

<u>Please Pray For:</u> Our young people in Junior High School, High School, College and University who are struggling academically, social and mentally, as well as with understanding their own identities.

A grace note from <u>www.thunderbay-northshoreanglicans.com</u>

When you put your cares in God's hands. He puts His peace in your heart

We Welcome Your Prayer Requests:

If you have any needs or concerns that you would like placed on the Gathering Table prayer chain, please email the request to prayerchain@gatheringtable.ca. If you do not have access to email, please call the office or Sheila Chisholm at 787-0253 and we will get it sent out for you.

Reminder about Visitations:

Rev. Ann is continuing her Pastoral care visits. If you would like a visit, please call 807-285-9446 or email her at: rector@gatheringtable.ca

2023 Envelopes are now available at the back A note about offerings: all information is on the shelves at the back of the Church. If you used the numbered offering envelopes in 2022 you will find a personalized box of 2023 envelopes for your use. If you wish to use weekly offering envelopes you may take an unassigned box and add your name to the list beside the box number. If you would like to contribute using the Electronic Offering Program*, which we recommend, these forms are also available at the back of the Church fill in the information and turn it into the office. If you are already using EOP you may amend your offerings using the same form.

E-transfers can also be made to Gathering Table by using: office@gatheringtable.ca and use "church" as your security answer. If you require any assistance, please consult a Warden.

The EOP is administered by the Diocese and is a preauthorized payment plan offering a steady flow of funds to Gathering Table. It takes the worry about "catching up" if you are away or cannot attend for any reason.

Camp Gitchigomee Summer Camp Dates for 2023

July 9 – 15th, - **Senior Camp** (ages 13 – 15)

July $16 - 22^{nd}$, - **Junior Camp** (ages 7 - 9)

July $23 - 29^{th}$, - Intermediate Camp (ages 10 - 12)

Bursaries are available through each Anglican Church. If you would like to sponsor a camper, please talk to Jim Sutton, or Roberta Wolfe.

EVENTS AT GATHERING TABLE

Groups or individuals wishing to use the Parish Hall, or Kitchen, may do so by filling out the Gathering Table Booking Request Form that is available by calling the office at 345-6898 or by emailing the office at (office@gatheringtable.ca).

Calendar of Events

June 25th National Indigenous Peoples Day of Prayer

June 25th Food Cupboard

June 27th Parish Council Mtg. 7 p.m.

July 9th Senior Camp July 16th Junior Camp

July 23rd Intermediate Camp

Aug. 13th Parish retreat at Camp Gitchigomee

Sunday Sermons: Sunday service can be viewed on the Gathering Table website http://gatheringtable.ca and on the Gathering Table Facebook page. The whole service will be live streamed at 10 a.m. Sunday at the link

http://gatheringtable.ca **Please Note** You may be visible on the online stream

2023 Parishioner Parking Passes are available at the office Tues. – Thurs. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.: Friday 8 a.m. – 12 noon or on Sun. before church.

Our Daily Bread is available at the back of the church Pick up a copy today.

Call for Pill Bottles for MEMO

MEMO (Medical Equipment Modernization Opportunity) is a local non-profit you may not be familiar with. Dr. Jerome Harvey began this initiative when the Port Arthur General and McKellar Hospitals closed and all the medical equipment and supplies would have been disposed. MEMO collects and ships medical equipment, medical supplies and humanitarian items to Cuba and Zimbabwe. Donated items come from hospitals, medical clinics, pharmacies and individuals throughout the region. MEMO relies on donations by individuals and businesses to cover the costs of shipping the containers.

One item that is in short supply is used pill bottles for a new clinic in Zimbabwe. Dave & I both volunteer with MEMO and we are asking you to recycle your pill bottles for them. Make sure they are washed and remove your drug label. We will set up a container for the bottles at the back of the church. This is an ongoing request so spread the word to family and friends.

Thank you.

Time to get Growing! Thunder Bay North Shore Deanery



is encouraging parishioners to join in a project to help those who are dealing with food insecurity. Our effort in 2023 is to have as many parishes and members to grow at least one row or some garden boxes of veggies and donate that to the food distribution centre of the church's choice. Our donations will go to our own Food Cupboard. Sharon and Dale encourage us to choose one crop of either carrots, potatoes, beans, or peas. They need a certain amount harvested so they may offer some to our 80 plus regular clients.

Thx - Rev Ann+

Gathering Table - 1st Annual Family Camp

At Camp Gitchigomee - August 11 - 13, 2023 Fun, Fellowship, Worship All in God's beautiful creation.

Come out for an evening a day or the whole weekend. Cost is by donation.

Cabin Accommodation available, or bring your own tent or RV.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch – Bring your own for yourself or family. **Supper** – Community Supper **Car Pooling on request**.

(talk to Rev. Ann or Jim Sutton for more information.) Registration forms available at the back of the church.

TSANK

are to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Rev. Gail Clifton's Ordination to the Priesthood 23 years ago on June 25th, 2000 from Gail Pell



The flowers on the altar today are in gratitude for the Indigenous Peoples in whose territory we live and work and worship. The flowers celebrate the newly formed self governing Sacred Circle of the Indigenous Church in the Anglican Church of Canada.

The flowers are in the colours of the the medicine wheel. The circle represents the circle of life and unity and health. The Yellow flowers represent the East, the place where the sun rises, spring and the birth of new life. The Red flowers represent the South, the summer heat and youth. The dark black or brown flowers represent the West, the setting of the sun and the fall season of life and maturity. White flowers represent the winter season and closing out of life. All are equal and all in unity. May we continue in the cycle of life in love, God being our helper.



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> Rector's Warden: David Reid People's Warden: Jim Sutton

Deputy People's Warden: Sheila Chisholm Wifi Guest Password at Gathering Table > GTGuest1

Archbishop Anne's Motto for 2023

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." Luke 4: 18 - 19