

Indigenous Day of Prayer
Sunday, June 19, 2022
Second Sunday after Pentecost
Honouring Indigenous Day of Prayer on the Summer Solstice
Lector: Robin Breckon

11:00 am Sanctuary Service

Prelude: *Improvisation*

K. Charlton

Welcome: Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon

Announcements



We Remember Alberta Billy: Robin Breckon

Territorial Acknowledgements: Shelagh

Lighting the Christ Candle: Shelagh/Robin

Lighting the Candles of the 4 directions: Shelagh/Robin

Lighting the Candle of Hope: Shelagh/Robin

Invitation to Worship

Hymn: VU625 *I Feel the Winds of God Today* (1,2,3)

Prayer:

Leaving home, we set our seeing, on a quest for deeper meaning.

What we find can change us for the love of all the creation and its beings.

Scripture: *Exodus 13:17–21* (New Revised Standard Version) Robin

This is part of our story. **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Gift: *Mountain Lullaby* Raminsch
Annalysa Tylor, soprano

Reflection: "*Leaving Home*" Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon

Leaving Egypt was not a pleasure excursion for the Hebrew people. But the story of their pilgrimage in the desert in the Book of Exodus reminds us that traveling, moving, leaving home, is part of our Judeo-Christian tradition. Each of us finds ourselves sometime in life needing to leave the familiar so we can grow and thrive. Beginning a journey involves leaving "home"—whether that is a physical place in order to explore another part of the world or changing a mindset that keeps us from

expanding our spiritual capacity. What must we do to embark into the unknown?

Hymn: MV 3 *River*

1. *River, rush-a-down to the ocean blue; river from a mountain high.*

River, as you do what rivers do; river draw the Spirit nigh.

2. *Spirit, come-a-down to the riverside; Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.*

Spirit, I am free for you to guide; Spirit, pray that I be taught!

3. *Water, let me drink of your healing power; water strength of life you give.*

Water, as I travel with each hour; water, help my body live.

4. *River, flow-a-down where you ran before; river, source of clearer view.*

River, as I walk your rock shore; river, see my journey through.

Words & Music: Julian Pattison, 2003

Call to Gratitude for the gifts given through First Met: Shelagh

Prayer of Dedication: (sung) VU 236 *Now Thank We All Our God* (v. 1)

*Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

The Prayers of the People: Robin

Hymn: VU420 *Lead On, O Cloud of Presence* (1,2,3)

Blessing: Shelagh

Postlude: *Come and Journey* extract 'Sacred Harp'

[Jan Jorgensen, prayers]