

**Sept. 26, 2021**

Philippians 1:1-11

Preservice: Way-Maker

Welcome new Philippians series, National Day of Reconciliation,  
land acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Creator God, you have given life to us, and to everything around us.

**The earth is the Lord's and everything in it!**

You have rooted and grounded us in 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.

**We will proclaim your love in the morning  
and your faithfulness at night!**

May we be strengthened and guided to help one another  
to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life.

**Come let us worship and bow down.**

**Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Opening Song: Come People of the Risen King

God's Greeting

Greet Each Other

Time of Praise: For the Beauty of the Earth  
King of Kings

Prayer of Confession:

God of all peoples, in all times and places;

We thank you for the ways you have taught us love, justice and peace.

We thank you for the ways that your Spirit emboldens our hearts  
and hands to build the world according to your will.

But we also confess our brokenness. God of truth, forgive us:

For the times when we have not heard the cries  
of those who are suffering.

**We confess that at times we have rejected  
and belittled those who are different than we are.**

For the times when we are blind to the ways we benefit today  
from a legacy of hurt and abuse of power.

**We confess that too often we do not acknowledge truths  
that make us uncomfortable.**

For the times when we love imperfectly, speak harshly, and judge quickly.

**We lament the hurt and brokenness in our community,  
our country, and our world.**

A moment of silence

Reconciling God, We are called to gentleness, to compassion and to radical acceptance of difference. In Christ Jesus, we are learning to surrender the need to justify, to explain and to fix. When your people speak out against injustice, we honour their courage and stand with them. Spirit of God, create in us feeling hearts, clear eyes, and open minds.

Assurance of Forgiveness: 2 Cor. 5:17-21

<sup>17</sup>Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

<sup>18</sup>**All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:**

<sup>19</sup>**that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them.**

**And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.**

<sup>20</sup>We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

<sup>21</sup>**God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

In Christ we are forgiven and reconciled to God.

**Thanks be to God!**

Songs of Praise:	Jesus Loves Me Praise the King
Children's Blessing	
Scripture Reading:	Philippians 1:1-11
Sermon:	JOY! Grace and Peace
Song of Response:	Holy Spirit Living Breath of God
Congregational Prayer	
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Song:	Mighty to Save
God's Parting Blessing	
Song:	Siyahamba
On the way out:	O Praise the Name (Anastasis)
Offerings:	1. Woody Nook Ministries 2. World Renew