

**Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Third Sunday after Pentecost, Indigenous Sunday,**  
**Summer Solstice and Fathers' Day**

**Gathering:** *MV 7 Gather Us In*

**Good Morning/Welcome**

**Music for Lighting the Candle** (*Our words today are from Peter Chynoweth, Yellowknife, N.W.T.*)

**This candle dances with the presence of the Spirit, reminding us of the warmth of the community in which God calls us to gather and the light that shines with wisdom, insight and clarity for us in our time of worship. Amen**

**Call to worship** (from UCC Aboriginal Day Celebration)

We gather to share in God's dream of abundant life for all. We gather to give and receive gifts of deep emotion, deep wisdom, and deep love. **With gratitude we gather as a community to praise God, to seek transformation, and to celebrate the power of the Spirit who is always moving.**

**Music leading Into Prayer:**

**VU 400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

**Let's pray together our Opening Prayer**

Creator, as we gather, we remember our history as people of this land, we acknowledge how difficult it is for us to share this land with each other, we acknowledge how challenged we become when we are asked to truly respect the ways of others, we acknowledge how some of us might feel uncomfortable when confronted, face to face, with issues of color and race.

**Today, we come today to seek your will, as we continue to grow in spirit. Help us to be humble, open, caring,**

**and loving people. Help us to share ourselves fully with others. Amen.**

**Hymn** *VU 567 Will You Come and Follow Me*  
*Verses 1, 2 & 4*

**Prayers for Grace and Transformation /**  
**Words of affirmation**

**Scripture** **Matthew 10: 24-39 (NRSV)**

**Reflection**

**Hymn:** *VU 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*

**Offering**

**We move into our Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer**

**Our benediction**

**Extinguishing the Candle**

**ALL: We extinguish the flame but carry the light in our hearts until we meet again. Amen**

**Closing Hymn** *VU 671 I Need Thee Every Hour*

