

**May 4, 2025**  
*Red Dress Sunday*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

**We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

Today we honour the memory of all missing and murdered Métis, First Nations and Inuit women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people including the spirits of the missing or murdered, you were taken, but you are not forgotten; your lives, dreams, hopes and losses are now forever a part of Canada's living history.

**GATHERING SONG — Many and Great, O God # 837 (RED)**

*The congregation will join in after the choir has sung the first verse in Dakota.*

Wa - kan-tan - ka ta - ku ni - ta - wa tan - ka - ya  
 1 Man - y and great, O God, are your works, mak - er of  
 2 Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with you, O Star - a -

qa o - ta. Ma - hpi - ya kin e - ya - hna - ke ca,  
 earth and sky. Your hands have set the heav'ns with stars;  
 bid - ing One. Come un - to us and dwell with us;

ma - ka kin he du - o - wan - ca. Mni - o - wan  
 your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at your  
 with you are found the gifts of . . . life. Bless us with

ca - sbe - ya - wan - ke cin, he - na o - ya - ki - hi.  
 word the wa - ters were formed; deep seas o - bey your voice.  
 life that has no . . . end, e - ter - nal life with you.

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us Pray:

Compassionate God, in Jesus we have a shepherd who is always seeking out the least and the lost. In Canada these are Indigenous women, girls and Two Spirit people who have suffered at the hands of those exercising power and dominance. There are so many murdered and missing Indigenous women and girls in our land, we don't even know all their names. With your shepherding love, comfort those living in fear for their lives, and console the loved ones of those who are missing or murdered. Give us the courage and the will to bring an end to cultures of domination and, instead, seek out and care for the most vulnerable among us, that all might live with the dignity and

abundance you desire for your children, for we pray in the name of Jesus who showed compassion on so many women in the margins and who calls us to do the same. **Amen.**

### **Psalm 22** (*paraphrase*)



My God, my God, why have you forsaken me  
and are so far from my cry for help?  
O my God, I cry by day and by night but you don't hear me.  
I can't sleep, but you are the Holy Creator.

**Lord Have Mercy**

### **R: Way Way Way Way Way**

Our ancestors put their trust in you;  
they trusted and you kept them safe and guided them.  
They cried out to you and you helped them;  
they had no reason to feel any shame.  
But as for me, I am a worm and barely human anymore,  
cast aside by the system and despised by society.  
Those who see me laugh at me cruelly;  
they move to the other side of the street.  
Yet you are the one who took me safely from my mother's womb,  
and kept me safe at her breast.  
My grandparents entrusted me to you when I was born;  
you were my Creator even before I was born.

**Lord Have Mercy**

### **R: Way Way Way Way Way**

Stay close to me: I am in trouble and nobody is here to help me.  
Night after night they catcall and catch me,  
violate me and hurt me,  
threaten me and leave me poured out like water.  
Gangs of men close in on me, and abusers circle around me.  
They strip me of my clothes.

**Lord Have Mercy**

**R: Way Way Way Way Way**

Be not far away, Strong Creator;  
you are my strength, hasten to help me.  
Save me from the fist, the knife, the gun, the stranglehold;  
the spirits despair and depression that rule our lives.  
Save my life, my body and soul, from this power of evil.  
I will declare your name to all my relations;  
in the midst of the whole community I will praise you.  
Praise the Creator, O children from seven generations.  
For you, Great Spirit, do not hate or abuse the poor in their  
poverty;  
you don't turn away from them, and when they cry to you, you  
hear them.

**Lord Have Mercy**

**R: Way Way Way Way Way**

The poor shall have a huge feast and be satisfied,  
and those who seek you shall praise you.  
My soul shall live for God,  
and my descendants shall be known as the Creator's forever.  
They shall tell the story to the next generations  
of how God has saved us.

**Lord Have Mercy**

**R: Way Way Way Way Way**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
*Repeat alleluia*

Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.\* I know my own and my | own know me.

## GOSPEL: John 10:1-10

The holy gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said:] <sup>1</sup>“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

## **HOMILY**

### **CHOIR ANTHEM**

#### **LIGHTING OF CANDLES:**

*During the readings, each candle is lit from the Angel Candle.*

#### *Candle of Sorrow*

In this moment of solemn reflection, we pay tribute to the countless Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people who have been taken. We honour their memory with a flickering flame. As we gather today, we offer our prayers for the families and communities that grieve deeply and carry this unbearable burden of loss. We recognize that every tear shed is a testament to love, and we pledge to work towards justice and healing for all.

#### *Candle of Remembrance*

Let us take a moment to cherish the lives of those who have left their footprints in hearts of their communities forever. With a flickering candle we pay tribute to the precious memories of their laughter, kindness and warmth that will stay with so many. As we remember them, we acknowledge the profound legacy of compassion, courage and persistence they have left behind. May their spirit and resilience inspire generations to come.

### *Candle of Peace*

As this flame flickers, we honour those who have suffered unimaginable loss and pain. In the midst of the ongoing brutalities faced by Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people, we light this candle to symbolize the hope for peace. Our hearts ache for those who have been taken, and those who have been left behind to search and to mourn. We pray for comfort and healing for them. May the light of this candle gently illuminate the path towards peace, and may we stand in solidarity with those who mourn.

### *Candle of Hope*

As we light this flame, let us ignite hope for the days of recovery and healing ahead. We yearn for comfort in times of hardship. We long for trust, peace and safety for all. May this candle shine as a beacon of hope for a brighter future for Indigenous communities, and may we play our part in bringing it to pass.

### *Candle of Love*

As we light this candle, we celebrate the power of love to guide us through even the darkest of times. We give thanks for the opportunities to love deeply, and for the precious memories that we carry in our hearts. We pledge to live fully and love fiercely, and be a beacon of hope and kindness to our Indigenous siblings. Let us honour their loved ones by sharing our lights and spreading love wherever we go.

*The lit candles will move into the congregation. Please hold lit candles upright and only tip unlit candles so no wax is spilled.*

## **LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE**

Let us remember those whose lives have been cut short.

**We remember before you all the Indigenous girls and women who have suffered abuse, rape, and violence. All those who are missing or have been confirmed to be murdered. We remember before you all the Indigenous women, who have been violated, beaten, and cut down. We remember before you all the Indigenous women, who, as mothers of girls and women who have been brutalized, are seared with the burning pain of grief.**

We ask you to grant eternal rest to these your beloved women and all Indigenous women who have been murdered and are missing.

**May light perpetual shine on them. Give rest to your children where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting. Give comfort to their families and communities, to mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunties, uncles and children of those missing and murdered.**

We pray for their communities and families and all who mourn.

**May we turn our hearts, minds, souls , and bodies to care, to advocate, and to seek justice. May we seek ways to support the children and families of these women, with true nurture and care. May their fathers and mothers find healing in memory, and the hope for justice into which we are called into partnership.**

We remember before you all the Indigenous women Elders who bring the wisdom of their lives to guide the younger generations.

**We give thanks for their strength and courage, for those who have shared their healing journeys.**

We pray for continued healing and relief for them for the grief they carry for their grandchildren, Indigenous girls and women missing or murdered, as they near the end of their days.

**May we so honour these Elders that their stories of survival and healing from violence may guide us and teach us deeply. May all who inhabit this sacred space today, in body, soul, mind, and heart, be drawn even more deeply through compassion into love for our Indigenous sisters and all their relations; may they be renewed in your hope; and may they be strengthened to serve along the pathways to which they are called.**

**Commitment:**

When we break bread together, will you share in prayer for our Indigenous sisters?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you resist the powers and structures of evil that create violence and abuse, racism and sexism, and, when you come face to face with your place of privilege, will you turn in repentance and keep the circle strong?

**I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and deed the good news in Christ by seeking out and serving Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

**I will, with God's help.**

The whole creation yearns for us, the children of God, to care for each other and for all of creation. Will you join the struggle against the social, racial, economic and land injustices that affect the lives of Indigenous peoples and harm the earth?

**I will, with God's help.**

*The candles are extinguished.*

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY O Christ, Your Heart Compassionate



1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.  
2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,  
3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,  
4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar-row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.  
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.  
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.  
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme  
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,  
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield  
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.  
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.  
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.  
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray:

Creator God, accept all we offer you this day: our prayers for your vulnerable children; our grief for your beloved Indigenous women; our hope in your healing and reconciling love. Receive the sacred food, we lay before you and, through them, work the healing of our souls for the service of your mission. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed!**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to our gracious God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.  
You call us into friendship with you and one another  
to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.  
When those we trust betray us,  
unfailingly you remain with us.  
When we injure others, you confront us in your love  
and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,  
whom you have always welcomed home,  
making the first last, and the last first.

Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,  
forever praising you and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy One, God of mercy and light,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, O Holy One. When Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them. He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he 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."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts, that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

**Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Eternal Spirit Earth-Maker,  
Pain-bearer, Life-giver, source of all that is  
and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven.  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the  
universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of  
the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our  
hope and come on earth.  
With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,  
now and forever. Amen**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Jesus said, 'I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live forever.'

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread  
always.**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
you are welcome at this table.

Come, receive the gift of new life.

**Thanks be to God!**

# COMMUNION HYMNS:

## Lamb of God

*Congregation*

Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy  
on us. world: grant us peace.

## Be Not Afraid

RED 388

## When Our World is Rent By Violence



1 When our world is rent by vio - lence and our lives are  
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must  
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade  
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance  
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten  
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing  
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture



turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our  
and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our  
and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our  
where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion



lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.  
lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!  
lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!  
is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

## The Lord's My Shepherd

Blue 519

### PRAYER

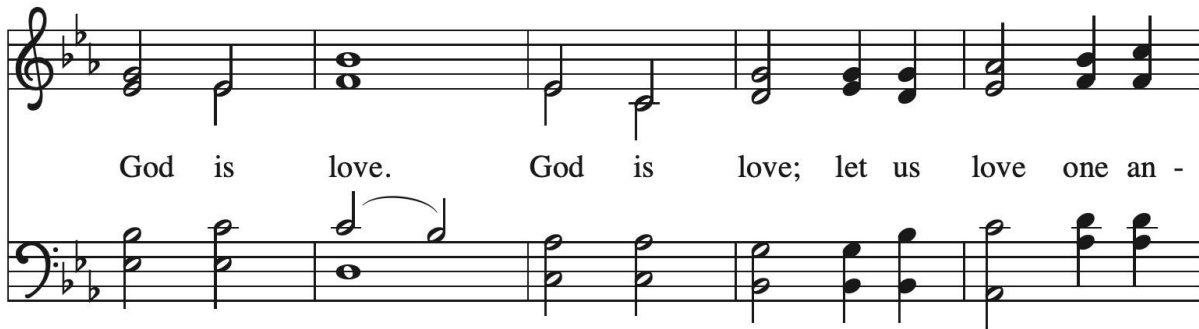
Creator God, Great Spirit, Brother Jesus, community of the Holy Trinity, you are with us in spirit, love, and truth. We thank you for receiving into your heart our prayers, our grief, our confusion, our questions, our anger, our pain, and our hope for the healing of all who suffer abuse and grief. May this day humble us to the needs of the world, especially to the suffering of vulnerable Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit people.

We ask you to grant eternal rest to these your beloved ones.

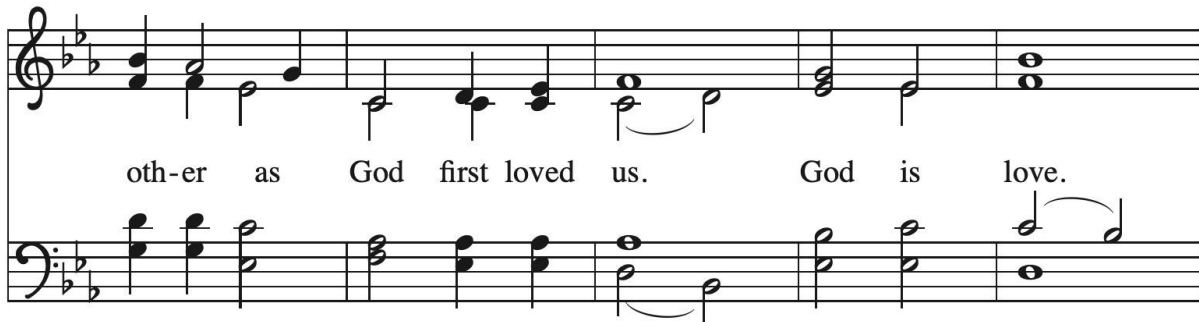
Strengthen us as we seek to serve your mission of healing of your beloved creation. As you cradle the world and all its creatures in your love, help us to trust in the firm and gentle hold of that embrace, that we might commit ourselves with steadfast faith and persistent hard work to pursue justice, to speak truth in the light where violence hides in the dark. Sustain and guide us as we seek to heal the festering conditions that breed violence and hatred. Be our teacher in the ways of compassionate care. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

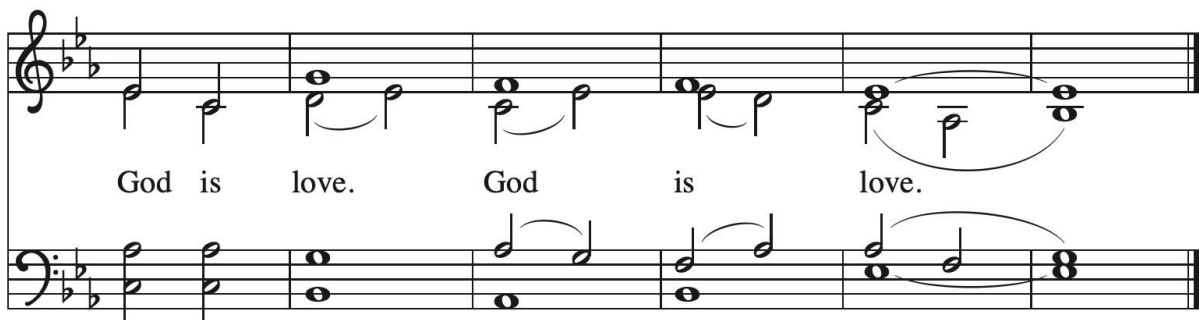
## God Is Love



God is love. God is love; let us love one an -



oth-er as God first loved us. God is love.



God is love. God is love.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING

May you walk in beauty and may your eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset.

May your hands respect the things Creator has made, and may your ears be sharp to hear Creator's voice.

May you be wise so that you may understand the things Creator has taught us.

May you learn the lessons Creator has hidden in every leaf and rock.

May you seek strength, not to be superior to your brother or sister,

but to fight your greatest enemy, yourself.

May you always be ready to come to Creator with clean hands and straight eyes.

So when life fades, as the fading sunset, may your spirit come home to Creator without shame.

### SENDING SONG

#### When You Walk From Here

(SING THE CIRCLE WIDE # 11)

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The first system contains measures 1 through 5. The second system contains measures 6 through 10. Chord symbols are placed above the vocal line. The lyrics are: "When you walk from here, when you walk from here, walk with justice, walk with mercy, and with God's humble care."

Chord symbols for the first system: G, G7, C, Am, Am7, D, G, G7.

Chord symbols for the second system: Am/C, C#dim, G/D, D7, G.

## **DISMISSAL**

Walk with peace, mercy, justice and love.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Material written by:* Dr Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Oglala Lakota (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America); the Rev. Canon Ginny Doctor; Henriette Thompson; Sacred Circle advisory group (Anglican Church of Canada); Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2 (Anglican Church of Canada); New Zealand Prayer Book; Lakota Chief Yellow Lark.

### **Announcements and Information**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Christine Morrison	Anne Stuart
<b>Servers</b>	Laura B Mann Kishan Gunawardene	Michelle Normandin Marisela McDougall
<b>Reader</b>		
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Jette Thomas	Carole Mozuraitis
<b>Ushers</b>	Marilyn Colman Ray Steinke	Don & Carolyn Conibear
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Linda Zytner Matzi King
<b>Counters</b>	Sandra Christie Suzanne Worthen	Chrstine Morrison Bill Clatworthy
<b>Flowers</b>	Michele Altermann	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

***We pray for:***

**ACC** The Rt. Rev. Todd Townshend, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Huron

**ELCIC** The congregations of the Western Manitoba area of Manitoba of the Manitoba- Northwestern Ontario Synod

**TOGETHER** For our full communion partner churches The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the US-based Episcopal Church (TEC)

***The flowers today were given in memory of all who were taken but not forgotten, and the families who loved them.***

***Silvercreek Community Market:*** Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for May we need **peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables, school snacks.**

*We do not need any plastic bread tabs. We need reuseable grocery bags again. Thank you.*

***Photo Directory:*** Over the next few weeks or so, Brian Janzen will be in the process of updating our **photo directory for 2026.** This is your opportunity to have an updated photo taken if you wish (unless you still wish your “younger” one in the directory). If you missed having your photo taken all together, this is the time to have it done. It takes only seconds to do. Please meet Brian at the AV desk at the back of the church following a service. *Thank you.*

***ECM Fundraiser - Spring Arboretum Tour:*** Our next fundraiser to support the University of Guelph's Ecumenical Campus Ministry is a guided tour of the trilliums and other spring flowers at the Arboretum on **Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup>**, starting at **10:00 am.** We will meet in the main parking lot near the Arboretum Centre, and then horticulturist Sean Fox will guide us. Sean is a senior research associate at the Arboretum and has a wealth of knowledge to share with us. The cost is \$25, with all proceeds going to the ECM. Speak to Lucy Reid to sign up or email her at [lreid08@gmail.com](mailto:lreid08@gmail.com).

## **Why a Red Dress?**

**The REDress Project** was **"an aesthetic response to the more than 1000 missing and murdered aboriginal women in Canada."** In 2011 Jamie Black, a Métis artist, created an art installation on the campus of the University of Winnipeg. The empty red dresses were meant to signify the losses of Indigenous women, girls, and two spirit people to colonial violence.



Black has since encouraged similar public installations of hanging red dresses in different environments as a way to draw attention to the issue of missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two spirited people (MMIWG2S) across Canada (and North America). Hundreds of red dresses from across Canada were donated to the original project. **The dresses are empty, so that they evoke the missing women who should be wearing them. Black has said: "People notice there is a presence in the absence".**

After consultation with an indigenous friend, Black chose the colour red because red is the only colour that spirits can see. This gives the spirits an opportunity to be among us and for us to be the voices that speak to their lives and loss. **Black has also suggested red "relates to our lifeblood and that connection between all of us", and that it symbolizes both vitality and violence.**

Since 2011, red dresses have been hung in many rural and urban settings, Buffy Ste. Marie now hangs a red dress on the stage at every concert, and *the REDress Project* is on permanent display at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, as just a few examples of the impact this project has had. Many public and private spaces will commemorate this day with the display of red dresses on **May 5, the day of National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women, Girls and Two Spirit People.**

The 2015 Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's *Calls to Action* report identified 94 steps to address the legacy of residential schools in Canada. Call to Action #41 states:  
*We call upon the federal government, in consultation with Aboriginal organizations, to appoint a public inquiry into the causes of, and remedies for, the disproportionate victimization of Aboriginal women and girls. The inquiry's mandate would include:*

- 1) *Investigation into missing and murdered Aboriginal women and girls*
- 2) *Links to the intergenerational legacy of residential schools.*

The red dress has become a visual symbol of the bitter truth that violence against marginalized members of our communities is often disproportionately felt by Indigenous and Métis women, girls and two spirit people. Another theme in the Calls to Action is about education. The Red Dress can serve as a starting point for concerned conversations that can open us to new truths and compassion, and perhaps eventually to action.

**LOOKING AHEAD: April 27 – May 3**

Monday 27	6:00 p.m.	All Saints Affirming People Parlour
Tuesday 28	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Parlour
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
29	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 30	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice, Nave
Sunday 3	8:30 a.m.	Easter 5 Holy Communion—Nave
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