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Caradoc Presbyterian Church

It continues to be a time of prayer ...

As news broke on Tuesday, August 4, that a large fire in the Port of Beirut led to a devastating chemical explosion that resulted in extensive damage over much of the capital, along with the deaths of at least 150 people, the injury of 5,000 others and the displacement of some 300,000 people, I thought only of a Canadian Lebanese friend of ours I immediately started praying for her family and friends and looked on social media for her reaction. In the wake of this tragedy, together with the national church we offer our heartfelt prayer for all those who have died, been injured, or displaced in the disaster, as well as for all the rescue workers who tirelessly looked for survivors. My friend's brother worked very close to the port district and he and many in his office co-workers barely made it out with their lives, many are counted as injured. Please join me in praying for those involved in this tragedy and for many family members around the world who cannot travel to be with loved ones at this time because of Covid19!

Let us pray,

Gracious and loving God who hovers over the pain of your world

We pray for all who suffer or experience pain through the chemical explosion in Beirut this week. We remember especially this day the people of Beirut.

Help the injured, protect those in danger, support the dying, bring comfort to the grieving and soothe the anxious whose families and lives are forever changed by grief and loss.

Bless with your strength and comfort those who have survived the trauma and devastation of this disaster.

We ask your blessing on all those who have lost their homes, their livelihoods, their security and their hope.

Strengthen and guide doctors, nurses, and all those who serve in emergency services and all who bring comfort and relief.

In the name of Jesus we pray.

Amen.

How can I help?

PWS&D has partners on the ground through ACT Alliance and Canadian Foodgrains Bank, who are actively assessing the situation to determine how best to respond. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

To make a donation to support PWS&D's response to the Beirut explosion, please [click here](#).

May the guidance of God, the wisdom of the Spirit and the peace of Christ be with us all as we continue to maneuver the pandemic with so many other local & global issues laying heavy on our hearts and minds.

Peace & Health, *Rev. Shelly*

Worship



Join us on Facebook LIVE!

Join Caradoc Church for worship this Sunday!
10:45am - musical prelude | 11am - worship
Hope to see you then!

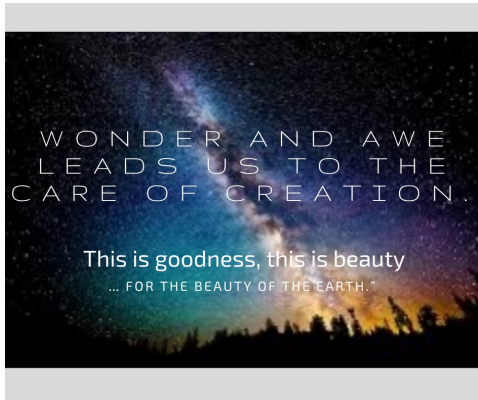
Order of Worship for Sunday August 9, 2020:
[Order of Worship | August 9 2020](#)

Worship Activities for Sunday August 9, 2020:
[Worship Activities link](#)

Not watching worship on Facebook?

If you are not connecting with us on Facebook for worship consider receiving the Message. Please contact your elder or Rev. Shelly if you would like to receive a copy of Sunday's message. Messages can be sent via email or Canada Post. Currently we are watching several videos, links to the videos can also be sent via email for those who wish to experience another part of worship.

Weekly Contemplative Actions



Have you been keeping up on all the contemplative practices? It's never too late to explore new spiritual practices!

If you have not began a contemplative action yet go to the webpage and learn about each action that has been introduced and pick one to do - "Water is LIFE!" or "Warmth is LOVE!" or "There is beauty in IMPERFECTION" or "WONDER & AWE"

and complete the action each day next week! *A new action will be introduced this week!*

For more information on the contemplative practices we've expressed so far [follow this link to our webpage](#) which explains each practice.



Reaching out



[Click pic to go to Camp Kintail's website](#)



Paying Attention



Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

We acknowledge with gratitude the traditional territory upon which we worship, live, work, and play. Caradoc Presbyterian Church is on the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, the Anishnaabe and the Neutral Peoples. Treaty 29 of 1827 covers the area where CPC worships and lives. We acknowledge this territory's significance for the Indigenous peoples who lived, and continue to live, upon it and whose practices and spiritualities were tied to the land and continue to develop in relationship to the territory and its other inhabitants today.

We acknowledge that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been a part of the residential school system. Caradoc PC, with the Presbyterian Church, seeks a new relationship with the First Nations of this land, one based in honour and deep respect. Our Neighbours are the The Oneida Nation of the Thames, Munsee-Delaware Nation, Chippewas of the Thames, and Lenape (Lunaapeew) People of the Delaware Nation.

Ministries with Indigenous People

All summer we have been learning more about Presbyterian Ministries with Indigenous people. This week we highlight **Healing & Reconciliation**. In 1994, The Presbyterian Church in Canada adopted the Confession to God and to Indigenous people for its role in the Indian Residential School System. The church is committed to walking with Indigenous people on a journey toward reconciliation and living out the spirit of its Confession.

The Healing and Reconciliation Program was established by General Assembly in 2006 to assist The Presbyterian Church in Canada in restoring right relations with Indigenous people. The program provides resources to raise awareness among Presbyterians about the impact of colonialism on Indigenous people and supports initiatives that build relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people.

For more information and resources please follow [this link](#).

More News ...

This summer members of the National Indigenous Ministry Council met with the

Moderator and some national office staff to discuss urgent issues of concern facing Indigenous communities in Canada. Violence against Indigenous people is among the most severe injustices that needs to be named and stopped. On July 3rd the PCC provided a Statement Regarding Violence and Encounters Between Indigenous People and Policing Agencies.

[Follow this link for the Statement on Indigenous People and Policing](#)

Peace & Health Friends!

Stay well! Stay safe! Stay Home!

Wear a mask! & Wash your hands!

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