

## Participants in Video Devotions for June, 2021

Date	Worship Assistant (Psalm)	Reader (reading)	Prayer leader
June 6	Katharine B	Marilyn C	Eric N
June 13	Kim D	Kara R	Jett I
June 20	Christa M	Pam R	Tom R
June 27	Tim L	Monica P	Katharine B

Readings and prayers available on the "Sunday Service" page (and archive) of our website. Video clips need to be submitted in advance; contact Pastor Tyler if unclear about parts.

Gloria Dei Lutheran Church is located on original lands of Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, and Dene peoples, and on the homeland of the Métis Nation. We respect the Treaties that were made on these territories, we acknowledge the harms and mistakes of the past, and we dedicate ourselves to move forward in partnership with Indigenous communities in a spirit of reconciliation and collaboration.

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*Oh may our hearts and minds be opened,  
fling the church doors open wide.  
May there be room enough for ev'ryone inside.  
For in God there is a welcome, in God we all belong.  
May that welcome be our song.*

**ACS #1038**

As the month of May comes to a close, we find ourselves on Holy Trinity Sunday – the first Sunday after Pentecost, and the Time of the Church – a Sunday about how we understand God, how we make sense of the Mystery of the Divine, but also a reminder that we have, in the history of the Church, fought about how we understand God's love and acceptance of people.

As we move into June, we observe Indigenous History Month. In the news, we've heard that a former residential school site in Kamloops, BC, was also, secretly, the burial site of 215 children who died, having been taken from their families and denied their culture. We can not turn a blind eye to our history, in Canada, which carries with it the shame of those of us of European decent having dehumanized and killed the Original Peoples of this land. We are called to rebuild relationship.

Around North America, and the world, June is often the month to hold up LGBTQ Pride – to acknowledge the hurt and discrimination, and also to celebrate contributions, of people of various sexual orientations and gender identities. We are called to welcome and include.

The hymnist writes about God who loves – that in God, we all belong. Without exception.

As we start to imagine in-person, indoor services again in the coming months (hopefully!), how wide do we imagine flinging open the church doors? How much room can we make?

*-Pastor Tyler*

**Wednesdays – 9:30am Virtual Coffee Hour**  
**Sundays – 9:30am Bible Study,**  
**10am time of prayer:**



- those who are ill
- those who have experienced loss
- those celebrating birthdays, and other good news

To join in these social times, follow the link provided in the e-news.  
*Once per month, our prayer time includes online Eucharist (see calendar) – have some bread and juice ready!*

**As Gloria Dei celebrates its**  
**60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2021...**



What memories do you have of the past?  
What dreams do you have for the future?

*Let's share our stories, and hopes!*



KAIROS is celebrating 20 years as an ecumenical justice organization! Join us in rejoicing and reenergizing our commitment to this work! In this present KAIROS moment, a time laden with meaning and opportunity, we invite you to look back in reflection and dream about the future.

Share photos or Write a statement of gratitude or Write an essay!  
Submissions need to be received by June 30, 2021.  
For more information: [www.KairosCanada.org](http://www.KairosCanada.org)

**Warning: the text of the poem below contains explicit language**  
**I Know You're Sorry – Leonard Sumner (Anishinaabe artist)**

All is not forgotten  
When someone is forgiven  
Words I say to soften up  
The hardness that I'm livin'

I hate to say indifference  
Is becoming my religion  
But I haven't learned to pray  
In ways to satisfy tradition

When I think about identity  
I think about my language  
And how my folks were taught  
It would be to my advantage  
To learn a foreign tongue  
They could not foresee the damage

Damn shame when it happens  
you don't — see it til it passes  
So where's all the support  
For Anishinaabemowin classes?

Assimilation tactics  
left no room for us to practice.  
And I really wish I could adjust.  
I really wish I could have just  
Listened with my heart and not my ego

I was fragile  
Conditioned by the world to think my culture  
wasn't passed down  
But I learned the generosity  
It's in my genealogy  
So fuck all the bureaucracy  
And keep all your apologies

I know you're sorry but...  
You're more lost than me  
Your land's across the Ocean  
and I'm right where I should be.

I reckon this damn nation  
Will force reconciliation  
Down the throats of our survivors  
And the people it's displacing

I know you're sorry.

And now you call on me  
To fix the broken hearts  
Created by your policies

These are the things that I think I know  
I am but a leaf on a tree that grows  
With roots in the ground,  
Like a seed that's sown  
In the dirt of the earth  
Is where I was born  
And it's where I will return  
When this journey ends  
And I've earned what I have learned

So tell me to get over it  
I'm so fuckin' over it  
Steal everything in sight  
And teach me 'bout -private ownership  
Bleach everything you like  
And preach me 'bout pride of ownership  
Leech my inherent rights  
And tell me that I never owned this shit

As generations pass  
You'll act as if you never noticed it  
While there's kids committing suicide  
As a way out of the hopelessness

I know you're sorry.

You say you're not to blame.  
Fill your heart to brim with guilt  
But not an ounce of shame.  
Break branches off our family trees  
And tell us times have changed

But the focus of this genocide  
At root remains intact,  
So instead of killing Indian kids  
Why don't we kill this Indian Act.

## What do transgender and cisgender mean?

Most people who are assigned female at birth identify as girls or women, and most people who are assigned male at birth identify as boys or men. These people are cisgender (or cis).

Some people have a gender identity that doesn't match the sex they were given at birth — for example, they were born with a vulva, vagina, and uterus, but they identify as male. These people are transgender (or trans).

Transgender is the “T” in LGBTQ.

Trans can also include people who don't identify with strict male/female gender roles. Other people who don't identify as either male or female call themselves genderqueer. There are other gender identity terms and labels, but don't use terms like transgendered, transvestite, tranny, or, he-she — they're old-fashioned and can be hurtful. It's always best to respect the words people use to describe themselves. (<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/learn/teens/all-about-sex-gender-and-gender-identity/what-do-transgender-and-cisgender-mean>)

## Why normalizing pronoun sharing is a simple but important step

Including your personal pronouns in your social media bios, your email sign-offs, and your introductions is a small change that cisgender people can—and should—be making. Why? It's the simplest step toward normalizing pronoun sharing.

Pronouns are the labels people refer to you by when they don't use your name. She/her, they/them, and he/him are just a few examples of personal pronouns used across the spectrum of gender identity. Each person has personal pronouns they feel best apply to them—even if you haven't given your pronouns much thought, you likely have a set you identify with. Pronoun sharing refers to the practice of making your pronouns readily available to others, whether by including which pronouns you use in your resume or noting them when you introduce yourself to someone new.

Pronoun sharing isn't a new idea—it's something the trans, nonbinary, and gender non-conforming communities have, for years, been advocating for. It's important to note that this article only scratches the surface of the nuances of this issue.

(<https://www.queensjournal.ca/story/2021-01-18/lifestyle/why-normalizing-pronoun-sharing-is-a-simple-but-important-step/>)



## COLLABORATING FROM ISOLATION

Have you noticed ways in which Gloria Dei has been connected to the wider community, and wider church, in this pandemic time?

While we would not seek to be socially distanced, as we have been for over a year, we have made connections through these months in ways we might not have had we been able to gather in-person.

Whether it's through our Zoom gatherings where we've welcomed visitors from CLWR, Canada Lutheran, churches in other parts of the country, The Urban, Luther Village, or other such connections. Or whether it's through our musical collaborations where we've formed a virtual choir, or invited guest musicians to join us. Or whether it's sharing Summer services with other Winnipeg congregations.

We have technology, and some expertise in our midst, to do some of these things, now! Pastor Tyler is working with teachers at Dieppe School to create “Grade Four Farewell” videos for the students who will be moving on to middle school, next year! Where might we form new connections, and open ourselves to new people, next?

## CONGREGATIONAL VIRTUAL PICNIC

Sunday, June 27

11:30-12:30 on Zoom

