
Hope is a star that shines in the night...

Brian A. Wren

Hope stands against all that seems lost
and contradicts despair,
and it promises a new order.

I believe that I shall see
the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Psalm 27:13 NRSV

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Peace is a ribbon that circles the earth...

Brian A. Wren

Peace replaces our restlessness
when we direct our lives and love to God.

**And the peace of God, which surpasses
all understanding, will guard your hearts
and your minds in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4:7 NRSV



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Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn...

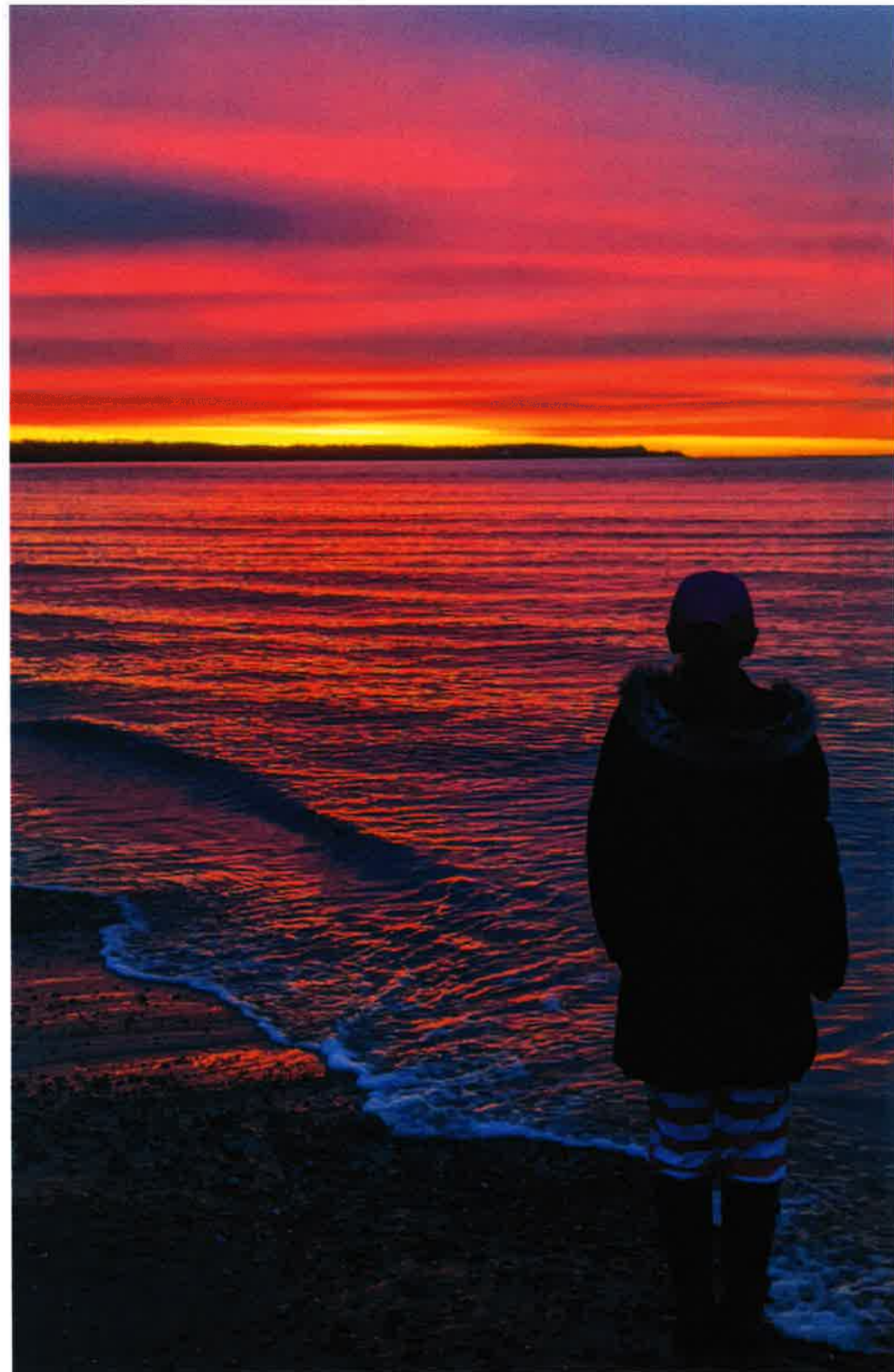
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And Mary sang:

“My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour...”

Luke 1:46-47 NRSV

Image: Photo was taken at our sunrise Ascension Day Service at 5:30 am just as the sun came up over the Atlantic at Mira Gut, Cape Breton Island. Taken by the photography group at Bethel Church, Sydney.



Love is a flame that burns in our heart.

Brian A. Wren

Love is not a feeling but is seen in the transformation of the heart and mind resulting in acts of loving-kindness.

“Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

Philippians 4:8 NRSV

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Christmas carols repeat the heavenly chorus to the shepherds as a universal offering: **“To all the earth, goodwill and peace.”**

However, in Luke’s telling of the Christmas story, God plays favourites... “and on earth peace among those whom God favours!” Even if other versions read, “peace, goodwill among people,” in Luke’s Gospel, God has favourites. When the birth of Jesus was foretold, the angel Gabriel went to Mary in Nazareth, who was engaged to Joseph, and said, “Greetings, favoured one!” When visiting Elizabeth, Mary sings, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my soul rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.”

Luke tells stories parallel to Mary’s by name-dropping people who receive worldly attention and appear favoured by invoking King Herod, Emperor Augustus and Governor Quirinius. In the context of Jesus’ birth, these worldly favourites are sidelined, while the unfavoured and forgotten of the world become the very centre of an extraordinary moment of revelation. God favours Mary, a young woman who would have been regarded an insignificant member of first century society, and yet she is chosen to bear God’s son. The shepherds in the field are the first ones to hear the good news that peace on earth comes when the hungry are filled with good things, when the forgotten are favoured, when the marginalized are included, and when the lowly are lifted up.

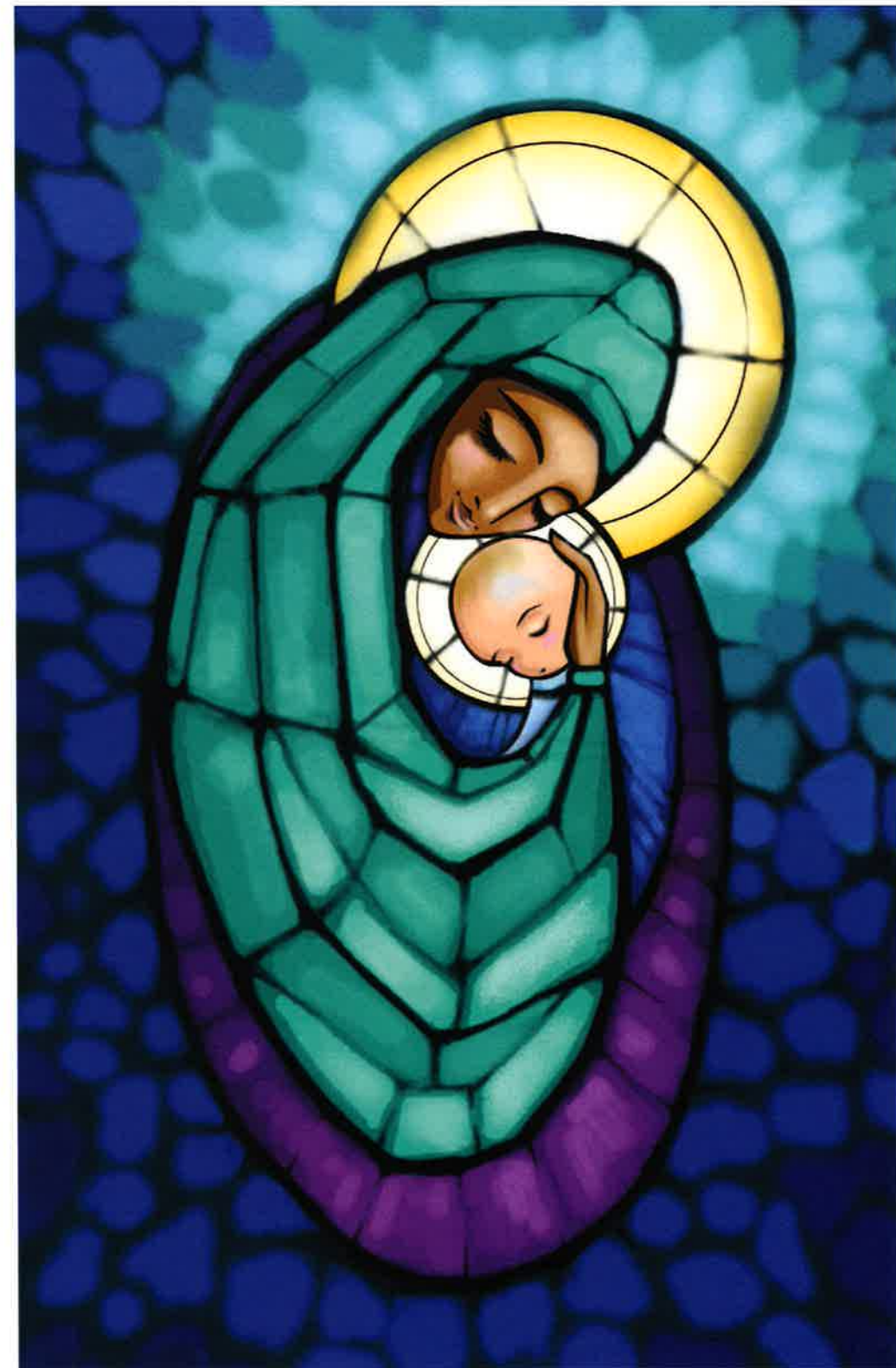


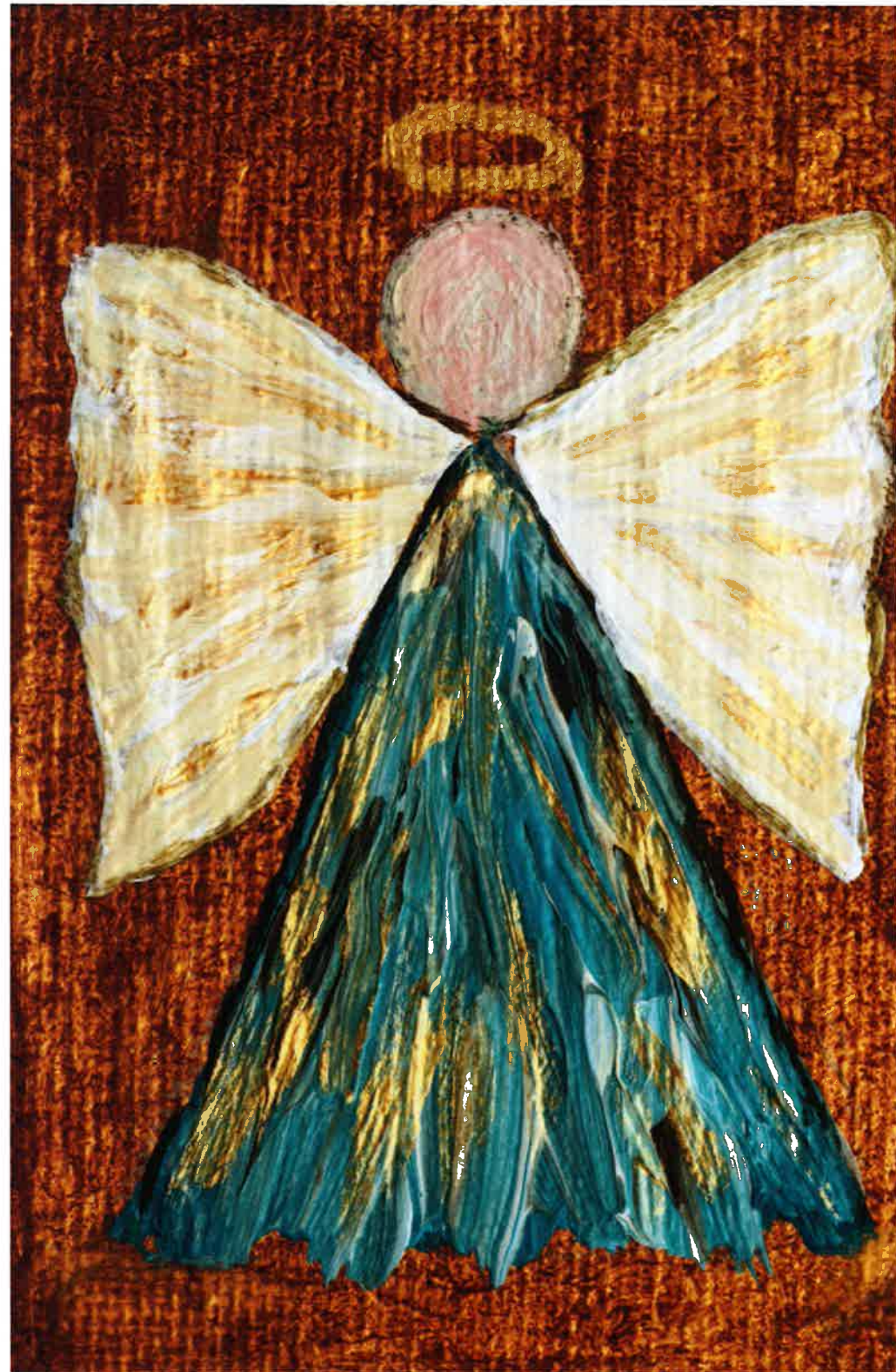
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We praise you, O God!
We sing your praises from the heavens!

We praise you
with the angels and
all the company of heaven,
with the sun and moon and bright shining stars,
from the heights of heaven
and the breadth of the seas.

Based on Psalm 148

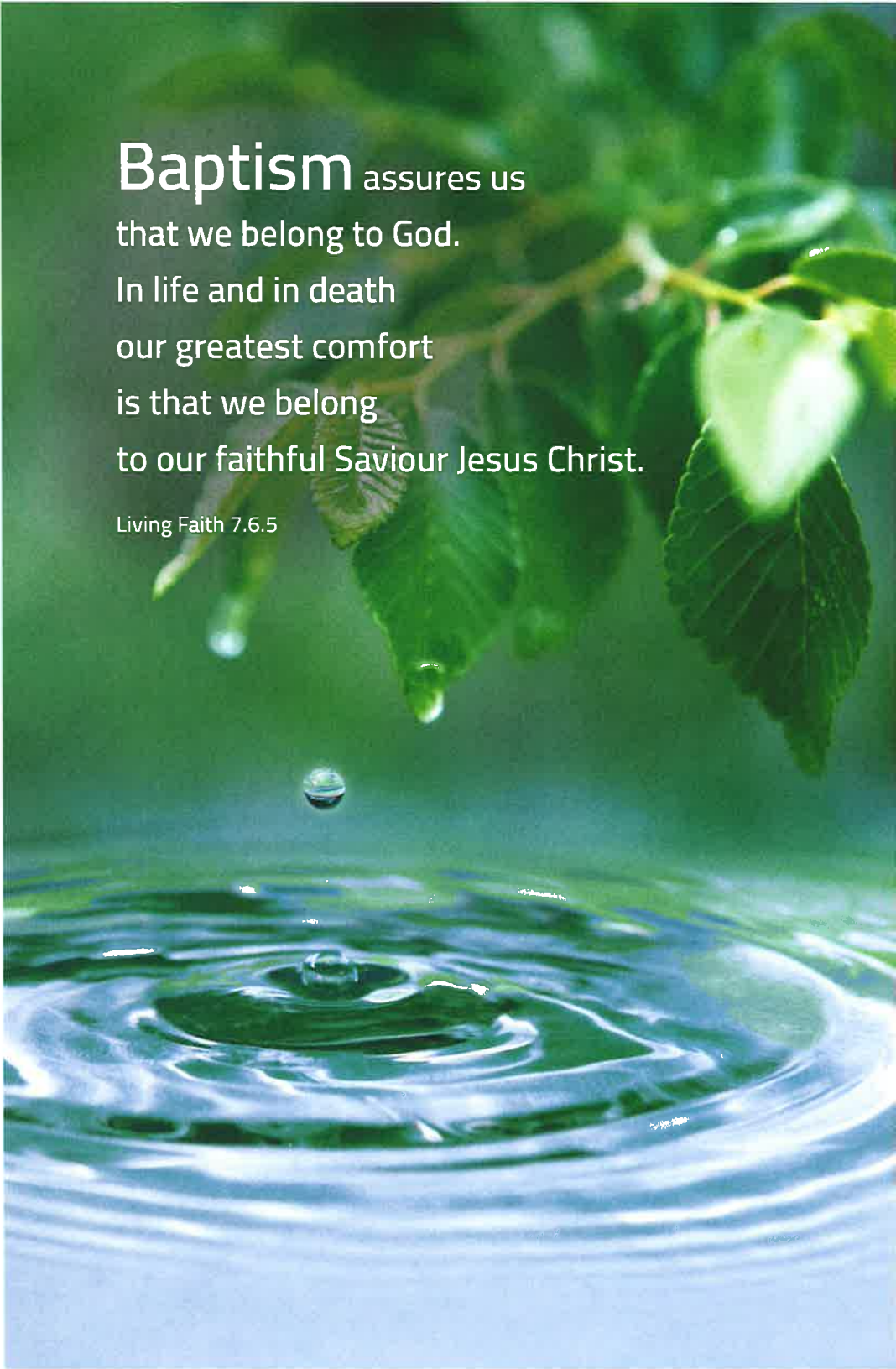
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Almighty God,
creator of the heavens and earth,
who makes the stars to spin in their courses,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child,
give us a strong sense of your direction and
guide us today and always so
that we find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ who called us to follow him.

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Baptism assures us
that we belong to God.
In life and in death
our greatest comfort
is that we belong
to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

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A mighty fortress is our God!

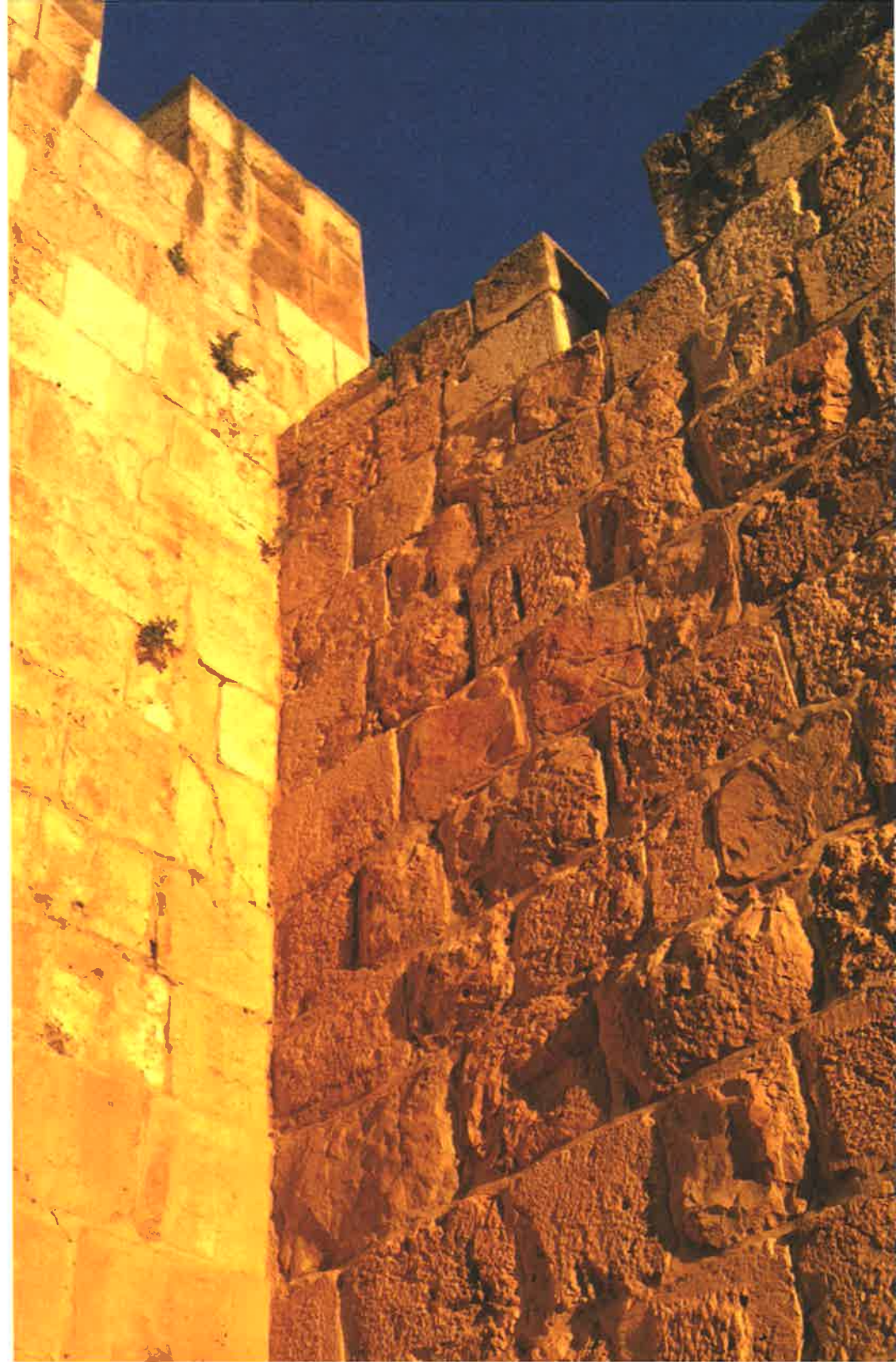
Based on *Psalms 46*

God most high,
most merciful and most just;
unchangeable and all-changing;
hidden but moving among us;
you are worthy of praise, for
your wisdom is beyond our understanding.
We approach you in wonder for
you are a mighty fortress,
beautiful and most strong;
supporting and sheltering.

But the houses of our souls are narrow;
enlarge them, we pray, so that you may enter in.
Where the houses of our souls crumble, rebuild them.
And where they are unkept, order them.

Based on prayers of Augustine of Hippo

Image: Walls of Old Jerusalem, Israel



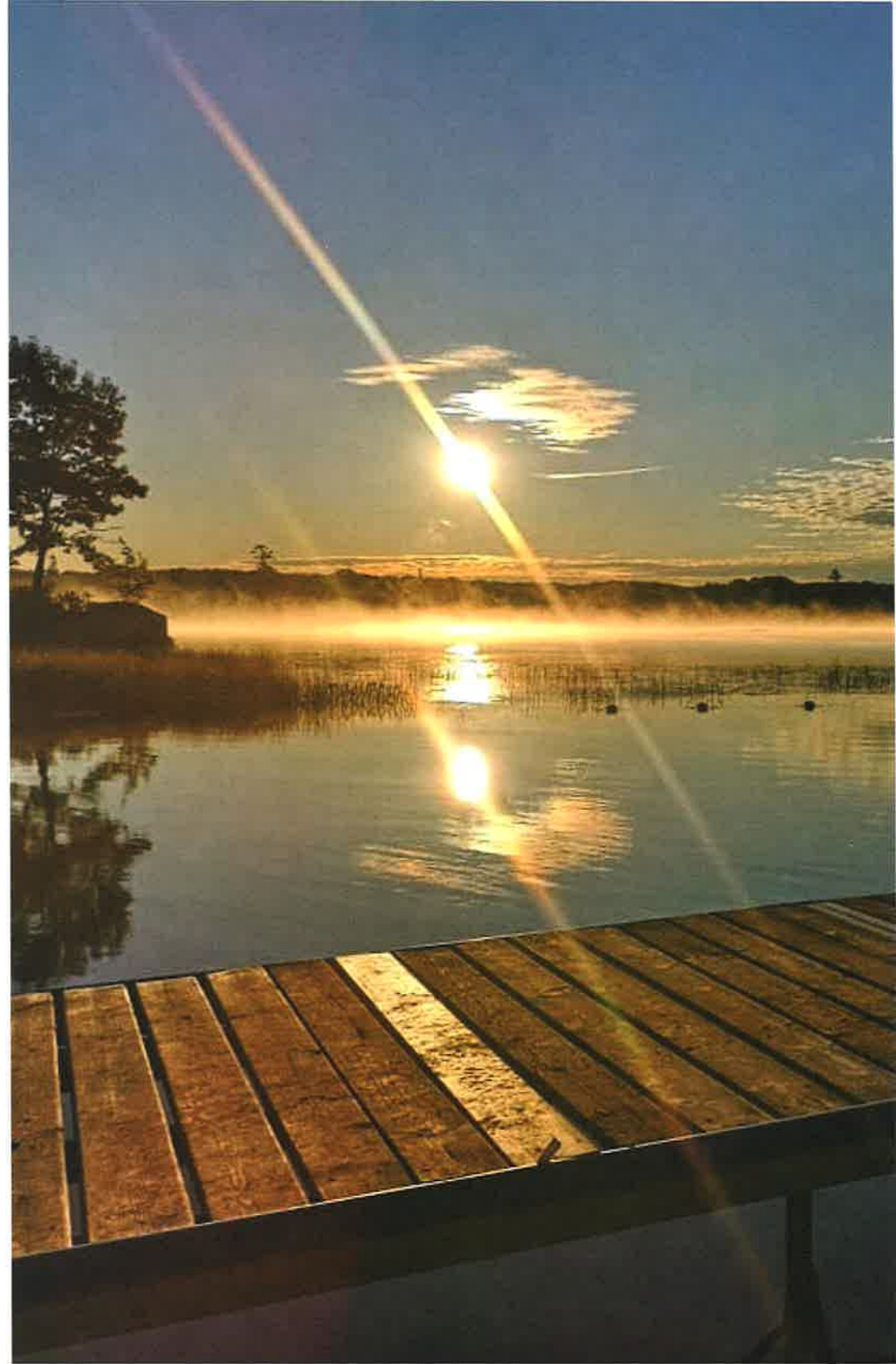
When we give to Presbyterians Sharing, we express our faith together through the words we use, the decisions we make and the actions we take as The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Together, we are proclaiming God's love, hope and grace in Canada and around the world.

The vision of our shared ministry as a denomination is set at General Assembly. Together, we offer mission staff and grants to accompany international partners. In Canada, we provide grants to ministries, support new communities of faith, and equip synods and presbyteries with resources that help staff serve local needs.

Our theological colleges and national programs prepare ministers, elders and lay leaders to serve the church. The *Presbyterian Connection* newspaper shares stories of hope. Volunteers, staff, committees and working groups develop educational resources, lead conferences and webinars, provide coaching and mentoring, share best practices, write letters to governments, reflect theologically and participate in ministry programs. Together, we are participating in God's mission.

When we put our gifts into God's hands, God does remarkable things!

Photo credit: Laura Roberts, Cairn Family of Camps in Baysville, Ontario





Inspired by God's promise of abundant life, Presbyterian World Service & Development envisions a sustainable, compassionate and just world.

For over 75 years, our church has demonstrated God's love in some of the most marginalized corners of our global community. In partnership with global partners, PWS&D responds to situations of poverty, hunger, injustice and disaster. PWS&D also supports congregations and groups as they welcome refugees and help them build new lives in Canada.

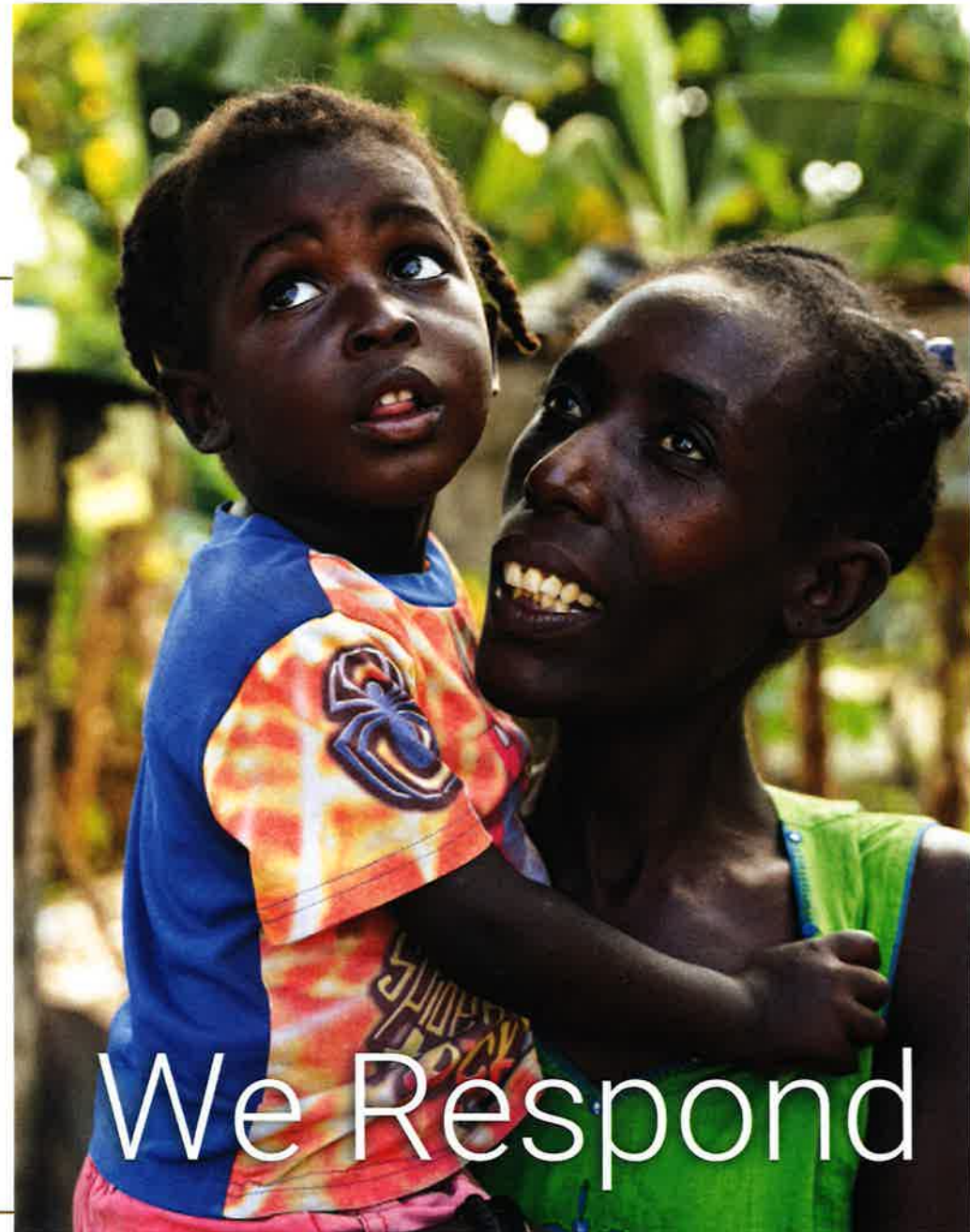
The faithful support of Presbyterians from across Canada has enabled life-saving food security, health, livelihoods and human rights programs in countless countries since PWS&D began.

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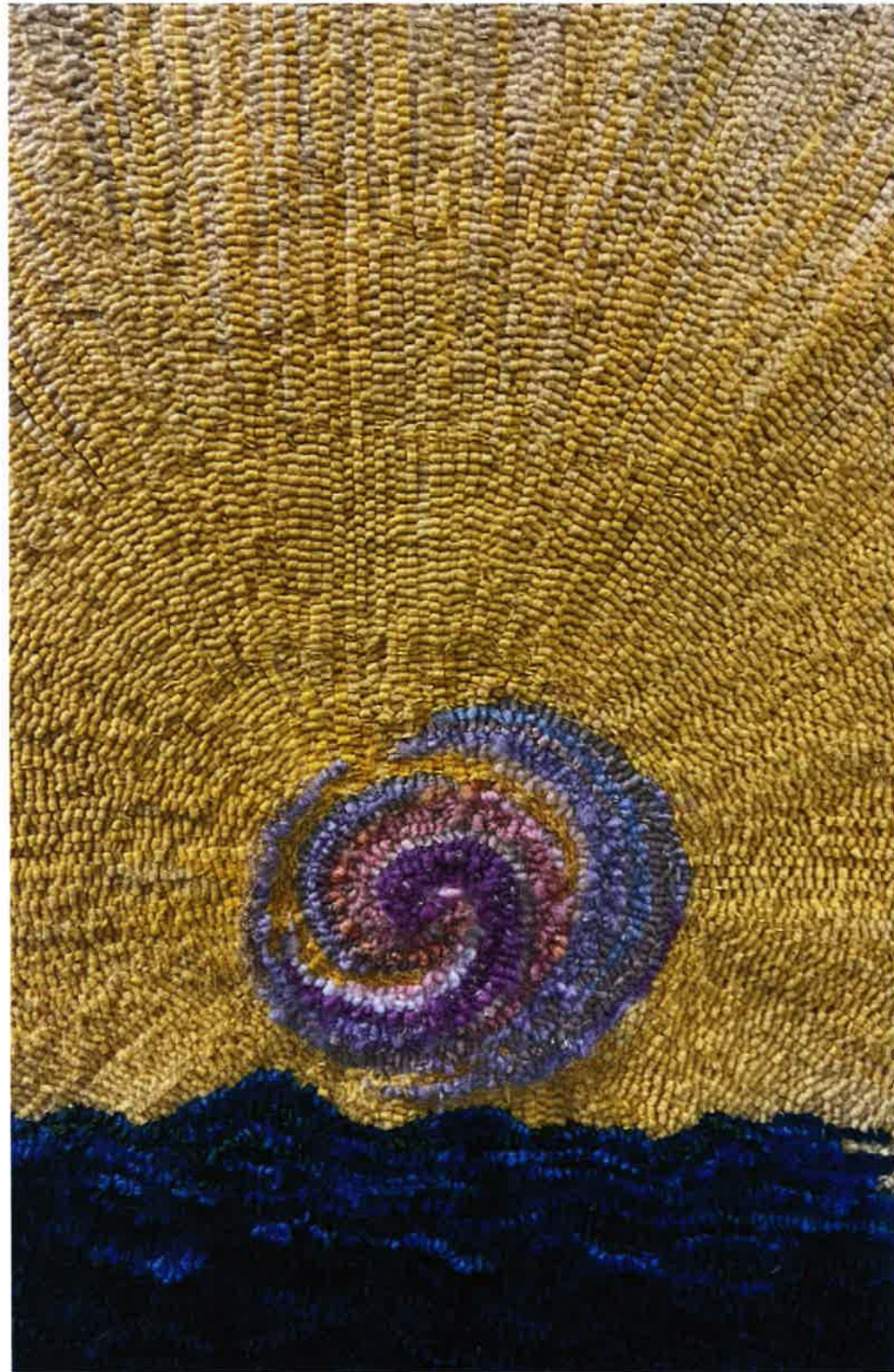


We Respond

God of life,
we rejoice in your love
which has filled creation from the beginning
and which calls all life into being.
We praise you for Jesus Christ
who reveals most fully your loving purpose for all people.

We bless you for your Spirit
who draws all humanity
into the circle of your tender love.
Gracious God,
bless us with your presence
so that our worship and our lives
may be a true celebration of your love in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Image: From a wall hanging created for St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Toronto, ON.



“Presbyterians in Canada face their global future with a rich and vital heritage, but it is up to us, individually and as a communion of saints, to appropriate these resources and walk humbly with our God in the paths of wisdom, justice and peace.”

Conversations With Our Past, 1983

Preserving records and documents from the past helps us understand how we have been Christ's church through the ages which equips us to better respond to the Spirit's guidance to be the church we are called to be today in the world God loves.

Follow the QR code to visit
The Presbyterian Church in Canada
Archives' website.

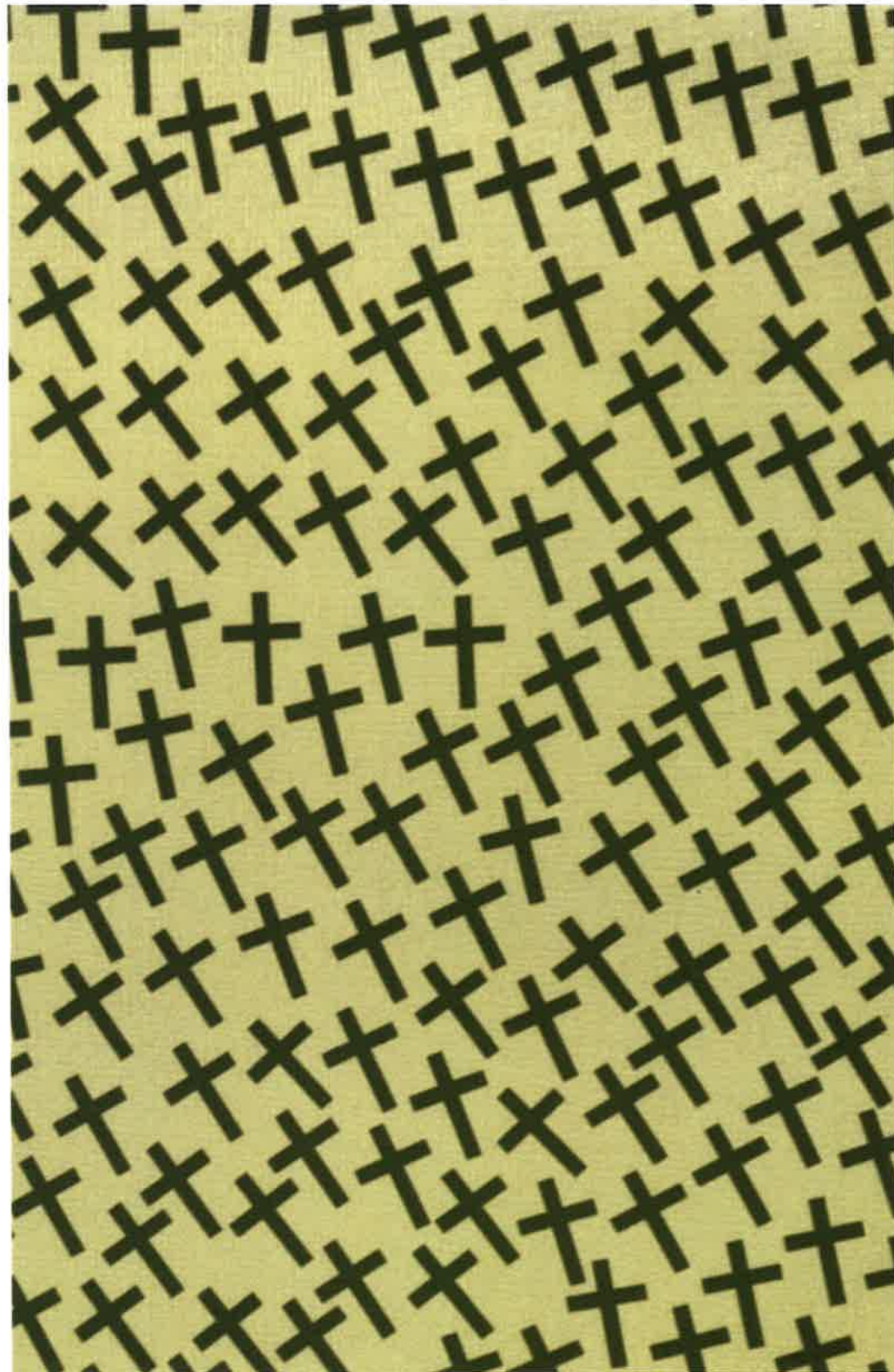


Image: The matchstick cross was a craft at the 1978 General Assembly in Hamilton, Ontario.



Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are,
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
so that we may more faithfully follow your ways,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Image: Crosses reflected through the window of Central Presbyterian Church in Vancouver, BC.



Almighty God,
by prayer and meditation in this season of Lent,
draw us into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his ways
let us come to know you more clearly;
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

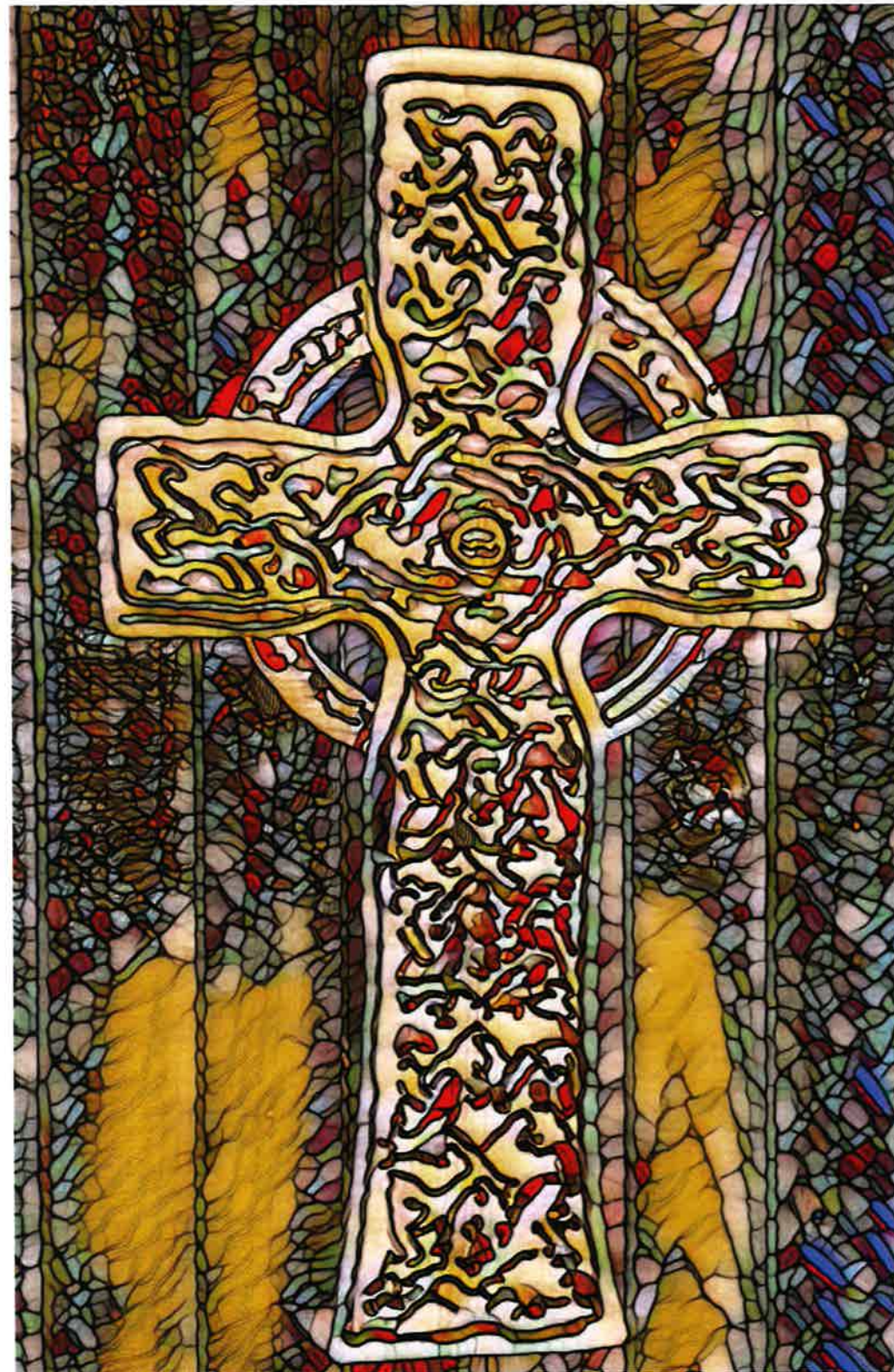
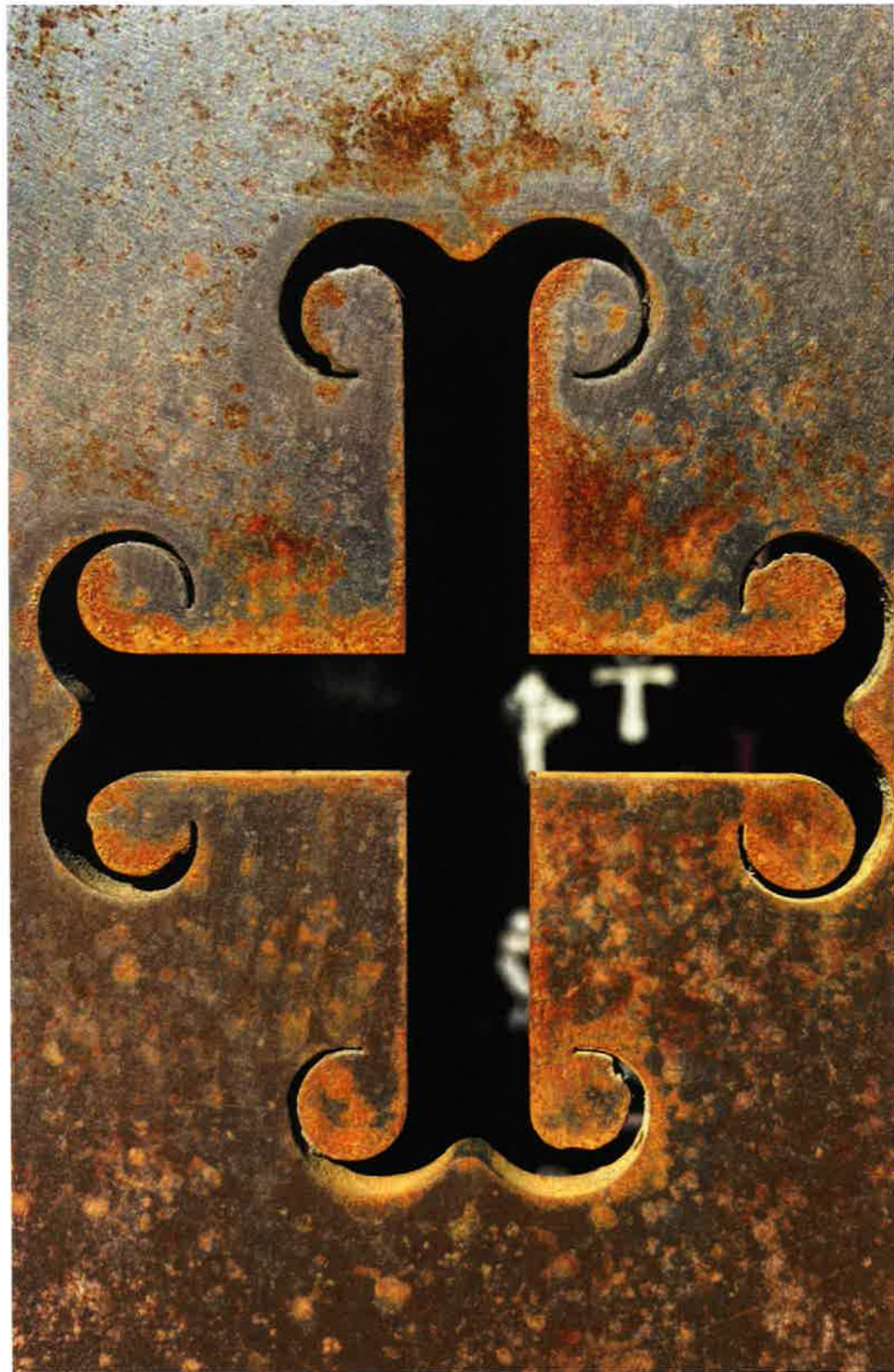


Image: Rendering of a cross in Little Metis Presbyterian Church, Metis-sur-Mer, Quebec.

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
the strength to hold on to what is good,
and the courage to give up what is harmful,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Image: Decorative elements, downtown Toronto, ON.



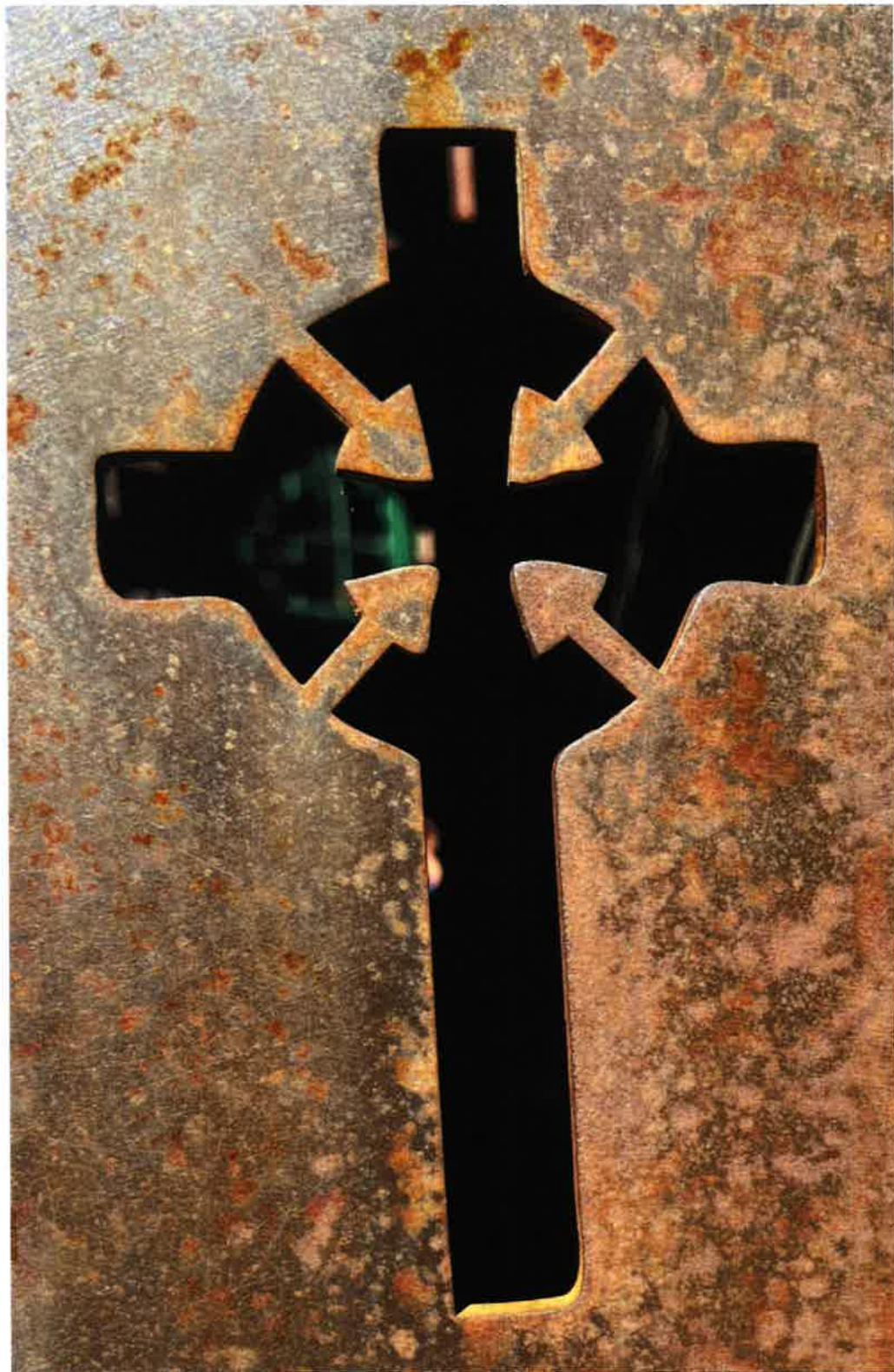
Gracious God,
you know the things that
overshadow our hearts
and impair our love,
come to us and
turn us back to you again;
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Image: Carvings made by pilgrims in the wall of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem.



Loving God,
you gave your Son
out of love for the world;
open our minds
so that, as we ponder the mysteries
of his teaching, healing, and death,
we may be transformed,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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Hosanna!

Amid shouts of praise,
Jesus entered Jerusalem
for the redemption of the world.

In Christ,
God came to reign,
not as a mighty king,
but as a humble servant,
riding on a donkey
to defeat the powers of death and
becoming for us the source of eternal life.

May we follow Christ with trust and joy,
singing praises to God in the highest heaven.

Image: Palm Sunday, Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto, Ontario



“See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. For he will be handed over to the Gentiles; and he will be mocked and insulted and spat upon. After they have flogged him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise again.”

Luke 18:31-33 NRSV

Almighty and eternal God, let us see and know that all things are being transformed, that things which have been brought low are being raised up, and things which had been shattered are being made new, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.

Image: Cross made by Christine McDonald, Halifax, Nova Scotia.



Alleluia!
He is risen.

Jesus suffered, died, and was buried,
but God raised him from the dead.
Risen and ascended,
he is now, the living Lord.

His resurrection means that our faith is not empty,
that final victory is assured over all evil powers
which destroy and deform life,
and that death, the last enemy, is conquered.

Living Faith 3.5.1-2

Image credit: Miranda, age 5, St. Giles Presbyterian Church, Sarnia, Ontario



Peace be with you.

Lord Jesus,
When evening falls
and we contemplate the pleasures
and disappointments of the day
we are soothed by your whispered,
"Peace be with you."

When, in fear, we hide behind the locked doors
of our churches, or our homes, or our hearts,
shutting out that which we do not like or understand—
we gain courage from the promise,
"Peace be with you."

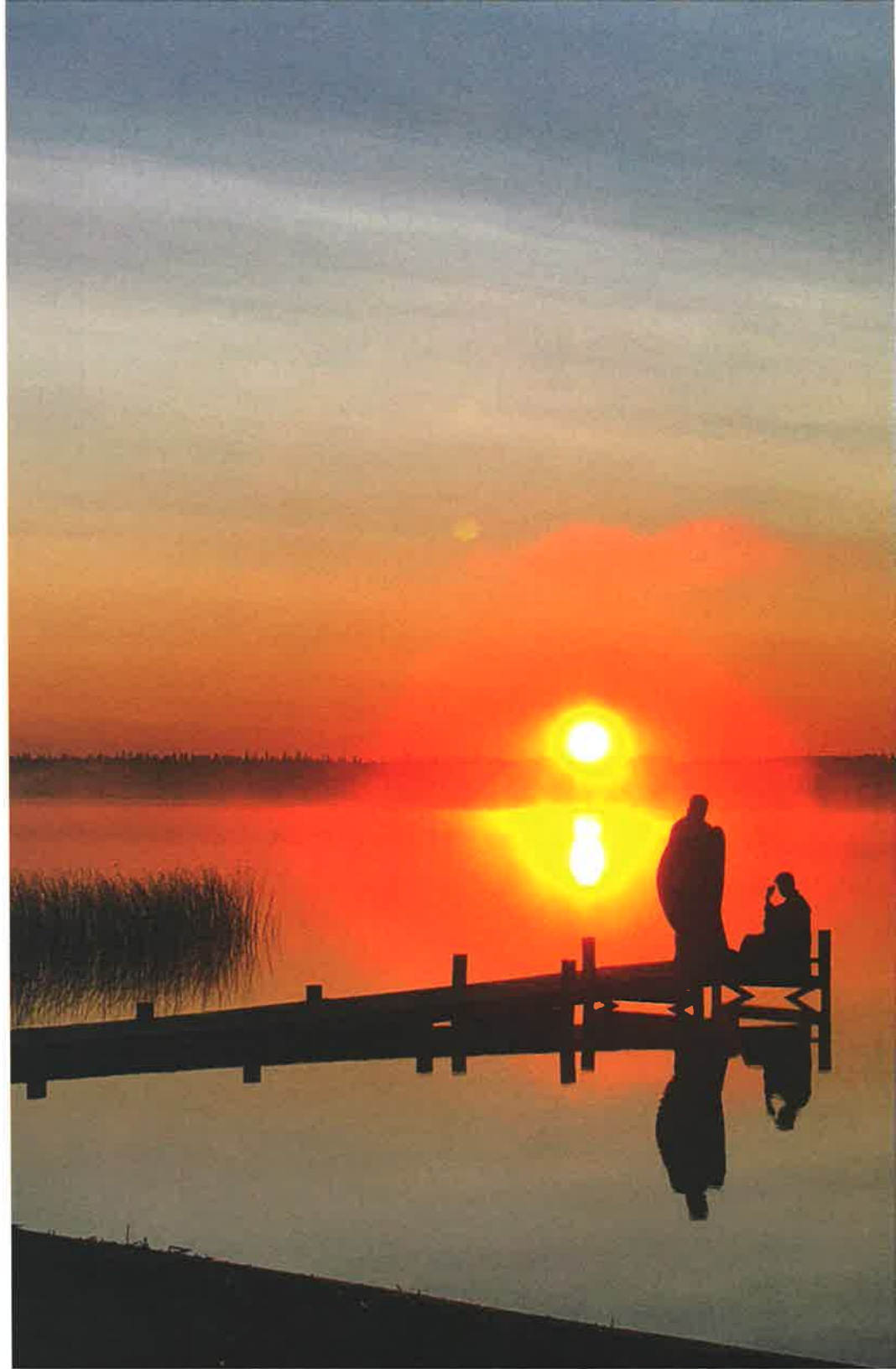
When we contemplate our calling to be sent into the world, some
dance with pleasure while others cringe in terror. Whether we dance
or cringe we do so in the comforting company of "Peace be with you."

When our transgressions are forgiven,
or when we are gracious enough to pardon those
who cause pain or grief,
we understand more completely what you mean by
"Peace be with you."

Receiving the breath of your spirit anew,
We pray for peace.
We make room for peace.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.

Written by the Rev. Don Muir, Deputy Clerk of the General Assembly

Image: Camp Christopher, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Credit: The Rev. Isaac Euisak Lee



I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD;

be strong, and let your heart take courage;

wait for the LORD!

Psalm 27:13-14



Image: "Arboretum Irises." Credit: Shirley Moulton, St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, Ontario

The mission of God's Spirit encompasses us all in an ever-giving act of grace.

We hear the cry of the earth as we listen to the cries of the poor and we know that from its beginning the earth has cried out to God over humanity's injustice.

- From *Living in God's Mission Today*, presented to the 141st General Assembly



In response to these cries, the church demonstrates God's commitment to love and justice in some of the most marginalized corners of our global community.

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Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own...I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:12–14

Writing to the community of people following Christ in the city of Philippi, in current Northeastern Greece, the Apostle Paul writes about his own faith journey and his desire “to know Christ” and “to become like him.” This journey is called sanctification. What is sanctification?

Sanctification is God’s work in us by which we grow in conformity to the image of Jesus Christ and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. The process of sanctification is never completed in this life.

From Question 92 in A Catechism for Today,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Image: Camp Geddie, Nova Scotia. Credit: James Pan



Almighty God,
we confess your only-begotten Son,
our Lord Jesus Christ,
to have ascended into the heavens,
open our heart and mind to follow his teachings
and be transformed by his grace,
through Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Image: Photo was taken at our sunrise Ascension Day Service at 5:30 am just as the sun came up over the Atlantic at Mira Gut, Cape Breton Island. Taken by the photography group at Bethel Church, Sydney.



Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises.
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands;
let the hills sing together for joy
at the presence of the LORD.

From Psalm 98 NRSV

Image: Photo of the Atlantic Ocean near Louisberg was taken by the photography group at Bethel Church, Sydney.



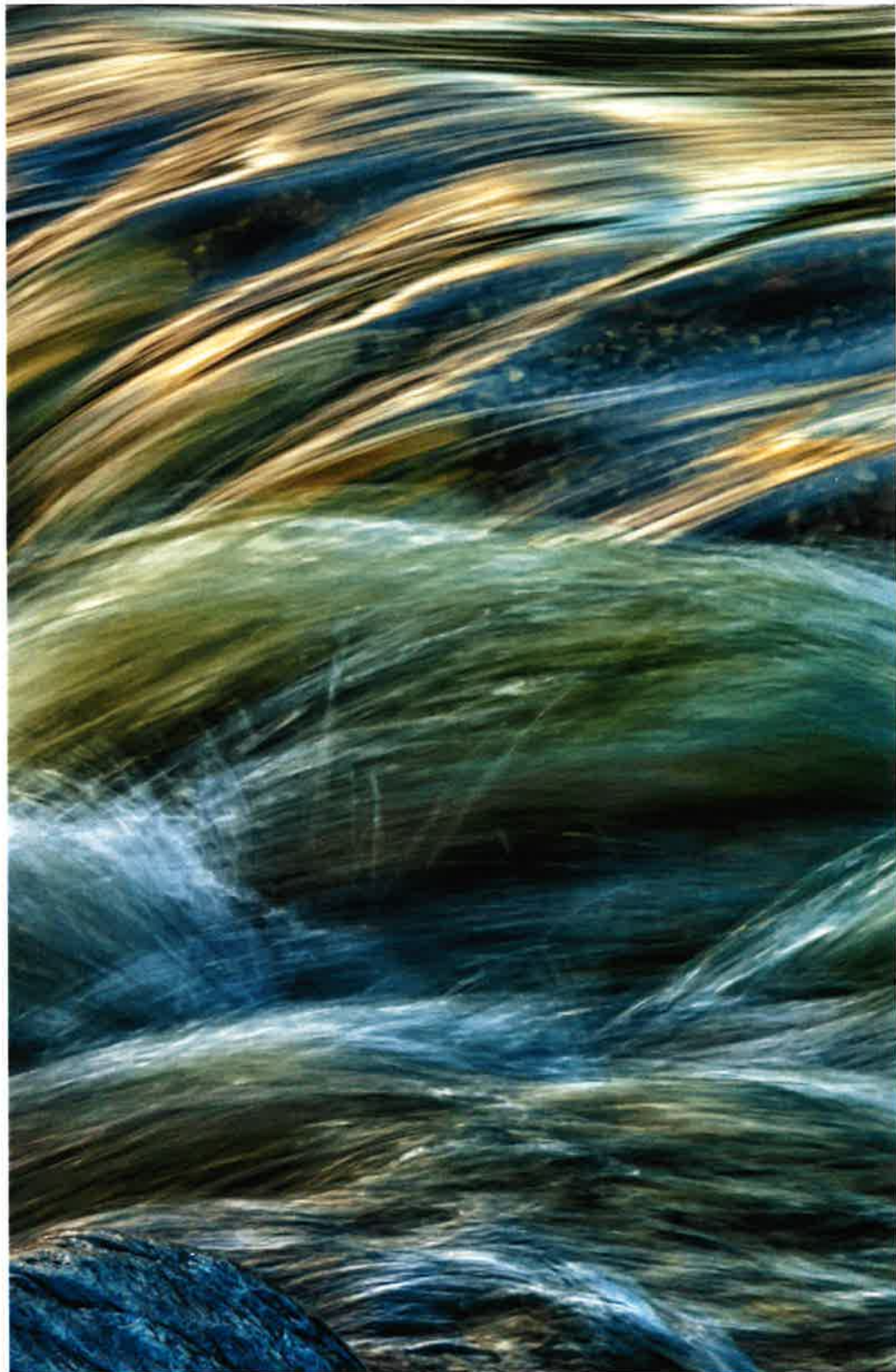
Healing and Reconciliation Sunday recognizes the need for truth, healing and relationship building between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people. This recognition comes with the difficult reality that The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been complicit in colonial harm and racism, especially through its participation in the residential school system, which separated generations of Indigenous children from their homes and families. The intergenerational trauma the schools created continues to cause significant harm to Indigenous people today.

Causing such harm is irreconcilable with Jesus' call to love our neighbour; we work for reconciliation because the church is called to do so as disciples of Christ. To continue this work of reconciliation, the PCC made five fundamental commitments in its 2024 Apology for colonization and residential schools. These include listening to Indigenous people and telling the truth about the past, respecting Indigenous spiritual practices, seeking guidance from, and being in solidarity with, Indigenous people and living out the principles articulated by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

To read the church's Apology follow the QR code below.



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God almighty,
creator of all things:
build your kingdom among us.

Jesus Christ,
son of the living God:
give us your grace.

Holy Spirit,
breath of the living God:
renew all things.

Let us serve you willingly and joyfully
to the benefit of each other,
to share one faith,
and respond to your calling.
Amen.

Image: Details from a cloister walk, Spain



Gathered in prayer from across the country,
The General Assembly meets
to seek the mind of Christ afresh,
be open to discernment, filled with understanding,
imbued with wisdom for discussions, dialogue
and decisions
to guide the church for today and tomorrow.

Shaped by justice, upheld in faith,
rooted in hope, inspired by possibility,
deeply grounded in love,
assured of God's faithfulness, sent by God's mission
through voices spoken and votes taken,
the church moves with humility and expectation.

O Lord, be with your church,
hear our prayers and our praise
from the first chords of worship
to the rising of the Assembly
may your will be done and may your people rejoice!

Image: A potted lavender plant with prayers inserted from the 2018 General Assembly.



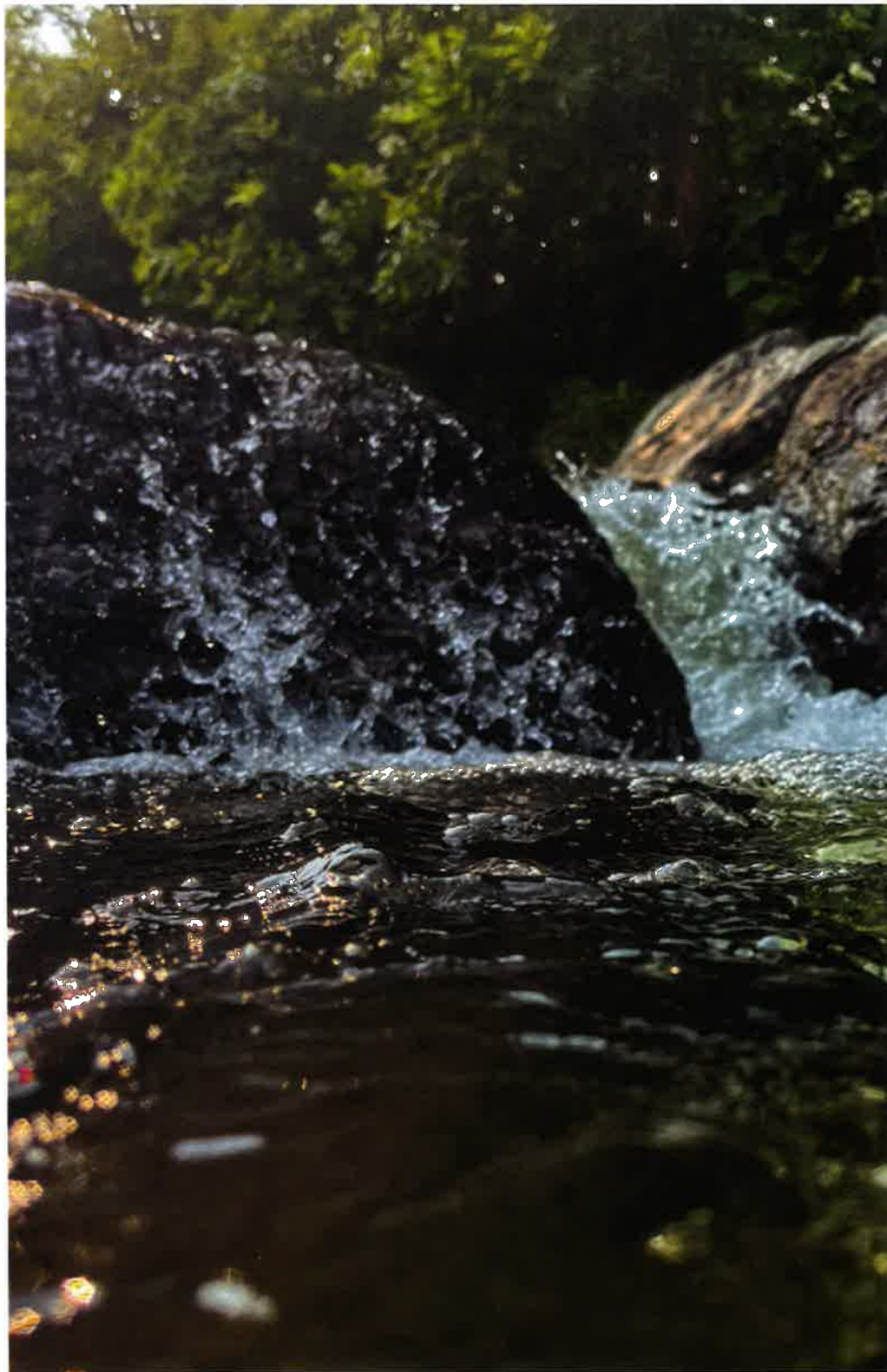
June is Indigenous History Month, and June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. It is an opportunity to celebrate and learn more about the diverse cultures, traditions, governing systems, histories, spiritualities, and gifts of First Nations, Inuit and Métis people.

The best way to learn is directly from Indigenous people:

- read Indigenous authors,
- listen to Indigenous musicians and podcasters,
- view art and film by Indigenous artists,
- seek opportunities to learn from Indigenous Elders, Knowledge Keepers and teachers,
- attend local events organized by Indigenous nations, organizations or Friendship Centers.

The PCC is committed to listening and learning from Indigenous leaders, Elders and Knowledge Keepers and to respecting traditional Indigenous spiritual practices. Celebrating Indigenous identities, experiences and resilience in June and throughout the year is one way of living out that commitment.

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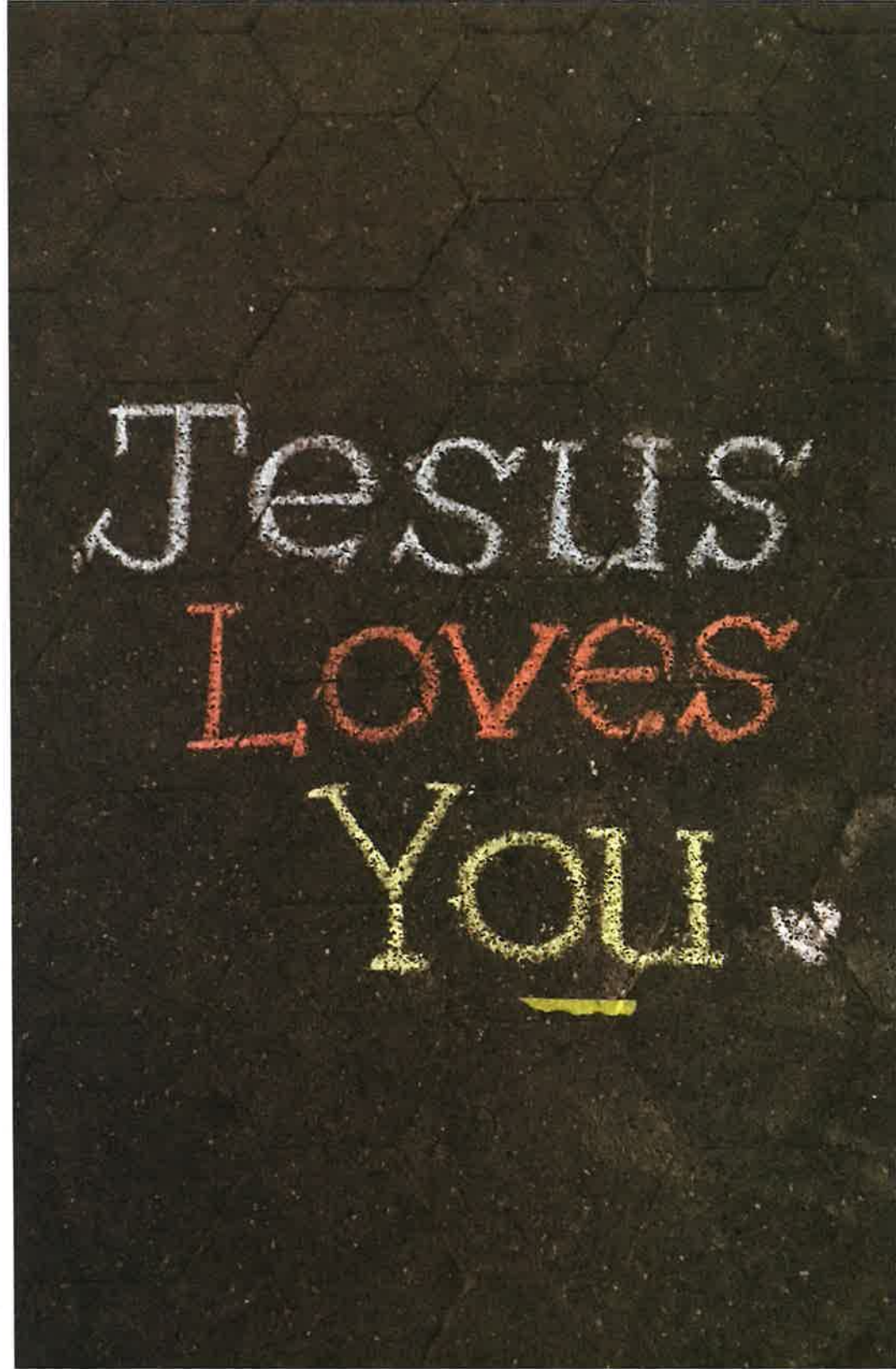
Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. (Matthew 10:29–31)

This month, summer camps and Vacation Bible School programs across the country are welcoming children and youth for a summer of faith-filled fun and growth! After two years of programming challenges related to Covid restrictions, many camps and Vacation Bible Schools are enjoying their first “normal” summer since 2019.

While each camp has its own programming focus and practices, they all share the same core message with campers: You are loved by God! You are so loved that God pays attention to everything about you, even down the number of hairs on your heads!

This important witness provided to young people can be life-changing. Many of the children and youth that attend our camps have no other exposure to faith during the year. Sharing this message of God’s love affirms them in who they are and encourages them to be more loving with others.

We pray that God’s love will encourage young people in their faith and inspire them to share God’s love in their home communities.



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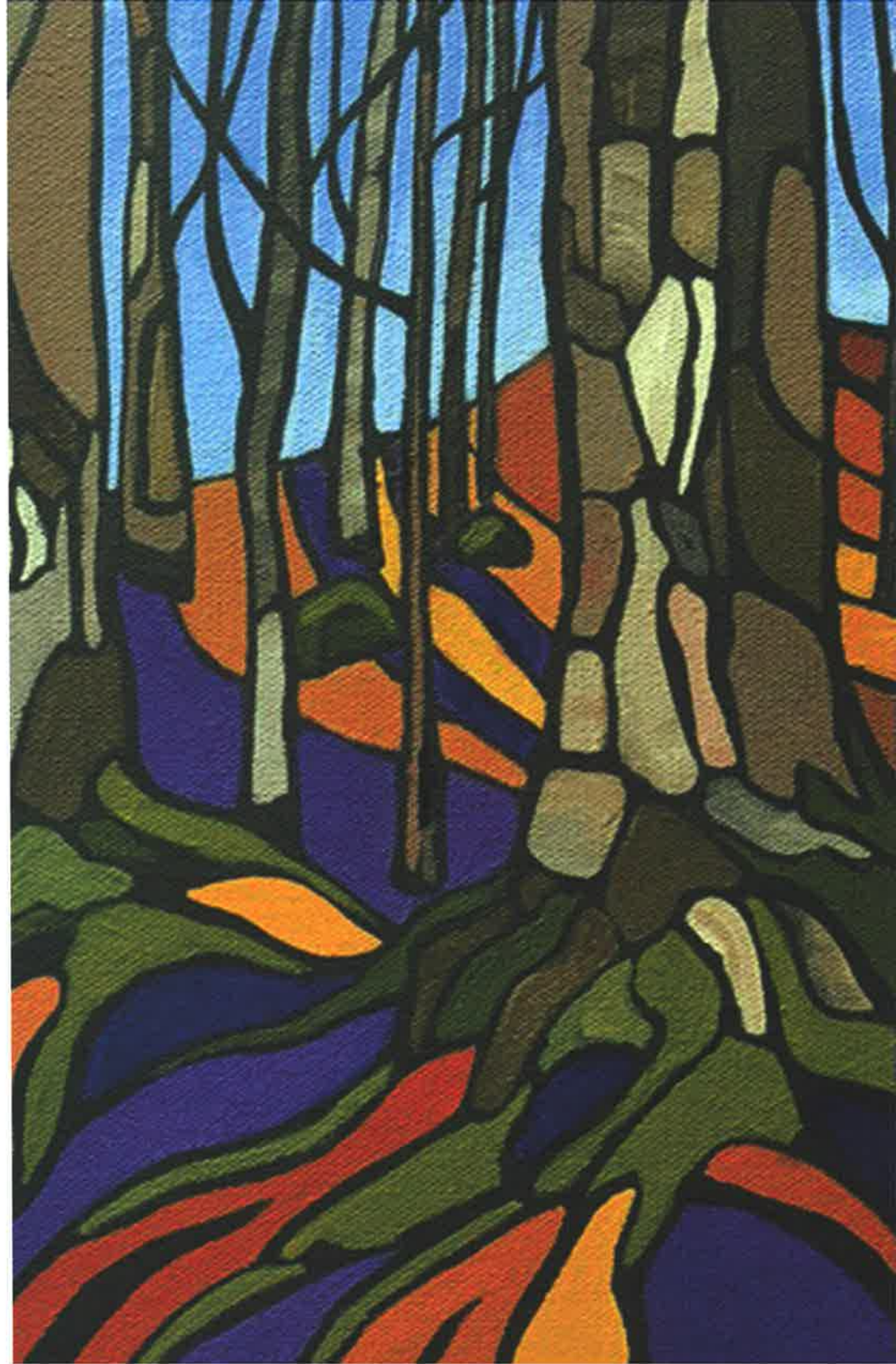
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into
song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Isaiah 55:12

We have been made for joy:
joy in knowing, loving and serving God,
joy in knowing, loving and serving one another,
joy in the wonder of all God's works.

From Question 1 in A Catechism for Today,
The Presbyterian Church in Canada

Image: "After the Snow." Credit: Margaret Schmor, First Presbyterian Church, Collingwood, Ontario



Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth!

Almighty God and Creator,
we worship you,
we thank you,
we praise you for your glory.

O Jesus Christ, only Son of God,
Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
you are seated at the right hand of God and you
receive our prayers.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are our Sovereign,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God. Amen.

Based on "Gloria in Excelsis" an ancient "Christian psalm" of Greek origins that has been in continuous use in the church since before the fourth century. It has been associated with morning prayers.

Image: Children of Knox Church, Bracebridge, ON, created this cross to celebrate the congregation's 150th anniversary.



When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things

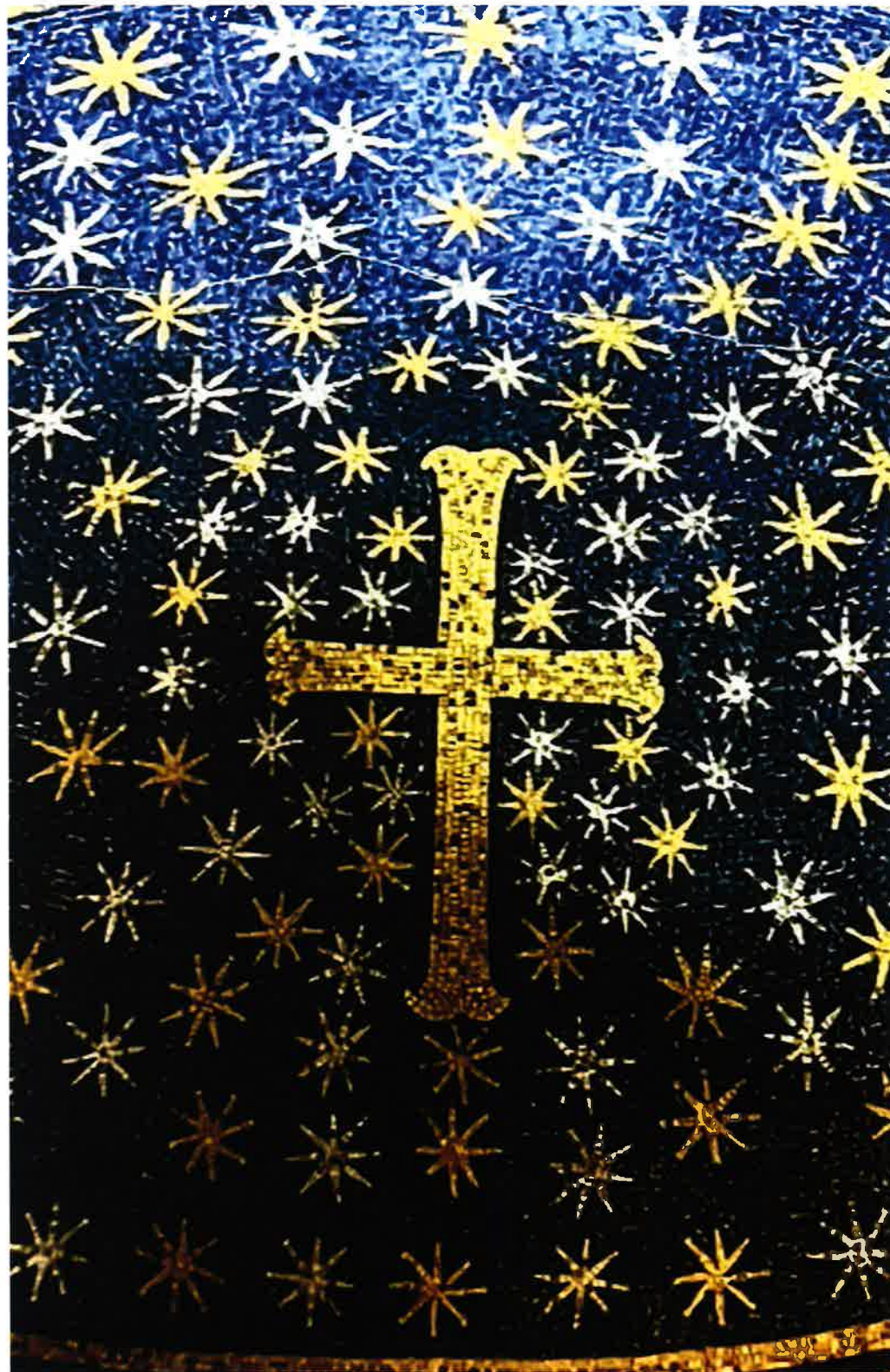
The Presbyterian Church in Canada supports mission and ministry through congregations, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly.

During General Assembly, the church discerns how we support national and international mission and ministry together. Each year, a third of the congregations send an elder and minister to the General Assembly to participate in this vital work. Through prayerful discussion and debate on reports and recommendations prepared by over 200 people who serve on more than 35 committees, subcommittees and working groups, the commissioners to the General Assembly set the budget and direction for how we will continue Christ's ministry in the world God loves. The budget is supported by gifts that congregations and individuals give to Presbyterians Sharing.

Together we support congregations and community ministries that effectively serve communities in Canada and around the world. We walk with Indigenous people, seek justice, and serve people who are vulnerable. We help start new congregations and support young people through camps and national events. We help people discern the call to ministry and equip them through theological colleges. We produce and curate educational resources, host webinars and events, and support governance and justice work.

Through your gifts to Presbyterians Sharing, God is doing remarkable things.

Image: Saint Andrew Chapel, Ravenna, Italy.



September 30th is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, also called Orange Shirt Day. It is a national day of memory for the generations of Indigenous children taken to residential schools: for Survivors, intergenerational Survivors, their families and communities, and for the children who never made it home from the schools.

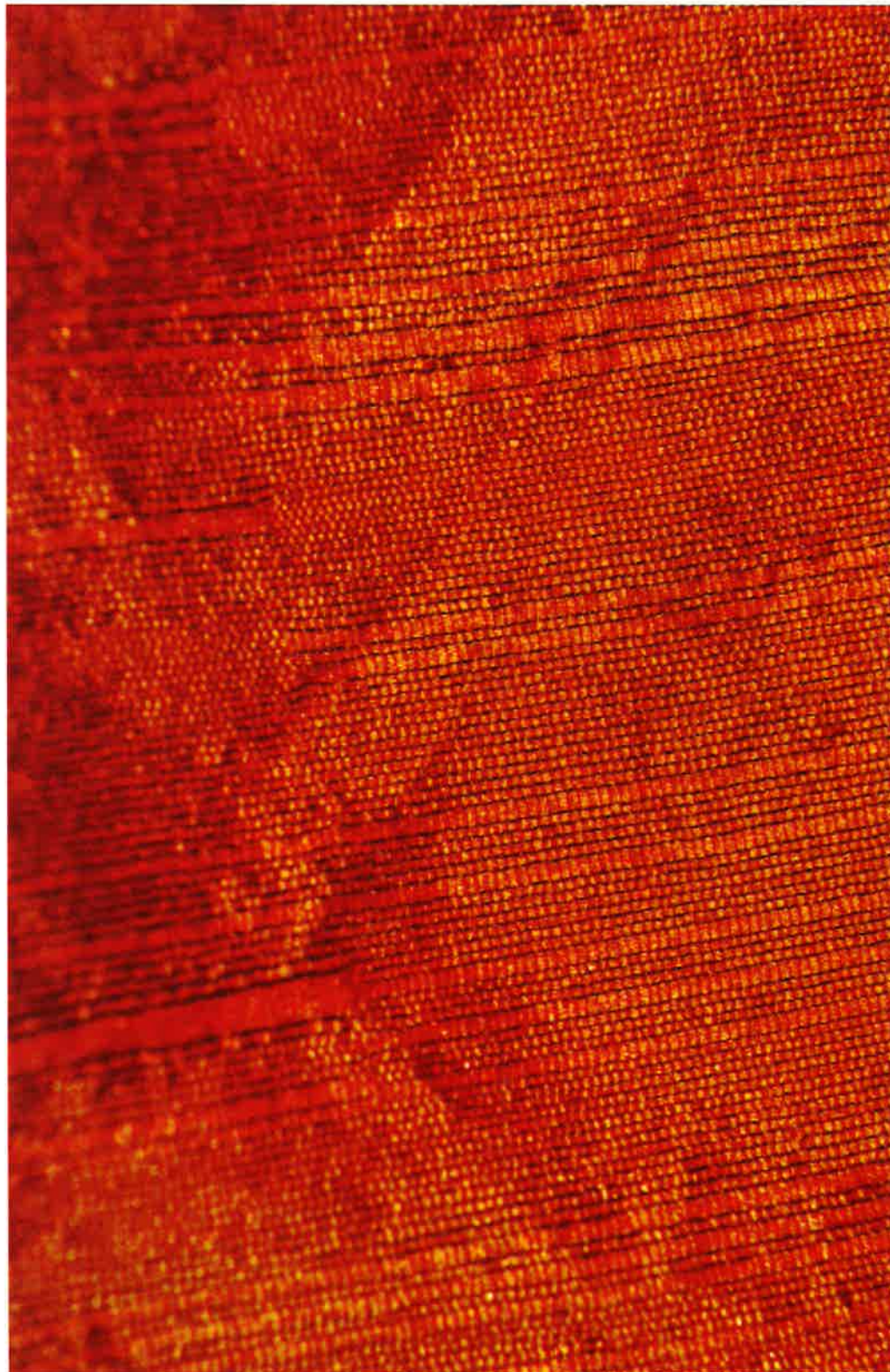
Orange Shirt Day was begun by Phyllis Webstad, a Survivor who at age six had entered the St. Joseph Mission Residential School in B.C wearing a beloved orange shirt, only to have it taken away and replaced with the institution's uniform. The loss of the orange shirt became symbolic of all that was taken from children at the schools—language, culture, family and community relationships, spiritual practices, safety, security, identity and sometimes even their lives.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada ran 12 residential schools. In the church's apology we make five fundamental commitments, including listening to and learning from Indigenous people and telling the truth about the past. One way congregations support these commitments is by publicly marking September 30.

More information and resources can be found on the Social Action Hub's Indigenous Justice website, linked through the QR code below.



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We are always guests at the Table;
our company is wanted around it and we are loved.

Around the Table,
bread for bodily nourishment and spiritual hunger,
are given and received. This is where the cup of
the new relationship with God is shared.

This is food for
the weak and the strong,
the lost and the wise,
the bold and meek.

This is a meal lovingly shared, and all are welcome.



Image: Celebration of Holy Communion, national office, The Presbyterian Church in Canada

We are surrounded by God's benefits.
The best use of these benefits is an unceasing
expression of gratitude.

John Calvin, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, Volume 3



Image: Harvest Sunday. Credit: Sarah White

Christ continues his ministry in and through the church. All Christians are called to participate in the ministry of Christ. Through the church God orders this ministry by calling some to special tasks in the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry and building up the body of Christ.

The church's colleges support it to faithfully participate in God's mission in the world.

The church's colleges are

The Presbyterian College

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Knox College

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St. Andrew's Hall

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Vancouver School of Theology

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Image: Participants working on an art project during a conference held by The Presbyterian College in Montreal.



Living God,
to turn away from you is to fall and
to turn towards you is to rise.
By the power of your Spirit,
reform your church and
help us to hear your word
in ways that we will understand it truly;
so that in understanding we may trust fully;
and that in trusting we may follow you always.
Give us, dear God,
your help in all our responsibilities;
your guidance in all our uncertainties; and
your wisdom in all our discerning.
Where we are corrupt, purify us.
Where we are in error, direct us.
Where we are divided, reunite us.
And use your church to your glory
and the service of your people.
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

A prayer for the church from the writings of the Reformers



Photo: Calvin Presbyterian Church in Toronto, Ontario

Reformation Sunday

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To celebrate All Saints is to affirm hope.
Christian hope trusts that all things
are in the hands of the God of
yesterday, today and tomorrow
who is on the side of life;
who is always bringing new life
from what is past,
who is even now in the midst of
whatever is broken or painful
working wholeness and healing;
and who has prepared a future
where all will be redeemed
and made new.

The Life and Mission Agency

Photo: Art by Sophie, age 10



Almighty God...

we offer up prayers of thanksgiving for all those who made selfless sacrifices for God and country so that we and future generations might live in peace. Bring your comfort and relief to those who mourn. Enable those who were wounded in body, mind, or spirit to live more peaceful and satisfying lives. Endow us all with a new resolve to hasten that day when war shall be no more and Your will alone is done on all the earth.

In Your Holy Name, we pray.

Amen.

From the prayer composed in 2000 under the authority of the Chaplain General of the Canadian Forces for the dedication of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier

Image: Sketch of a poppy



Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky,
and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars
forever and ever.

Daniel 12:3

Jesus taught his disciples, through words and actions, how to share the word of God and live out their faith through acts of love and grace. Jesus encouraged his followers not to hide their light under a basket, but instead, let their light shine.

Stars are incredibly far away. When we look up at the expanse of stars, we're seeing light that started its journey to us years ago. Early explorers used the stars to guide them to destinations they didn't even know existed.

Congregational ministries have been built on the gifts people have made over the years. We worship in buildings built by previous generations and share stories, music and traditions that have been passed down through the ages. The gifts of past generations, like starlight, guide and encourage God's people through the ages.

We work together to build a future with hope, as we consider the gifts we want to leave to future generations, letting God's light shine today and tomorrow. When we put our gifts in God's hands, God does remarkable things.

Image: The members of St. Andrew's Tweed care for their church garden and deliver the fresh produce it yields to the local food bank.



Almighty God,
creator of heaven and earth,
whose son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
ascended into heaven;
give us the wisdom and faith to see God's Kingdom
growing among us.
Keep the church bound in the unity of the
Spirit and in the bonds of
Christ's prayer for peace and renew all creation.
Amen.

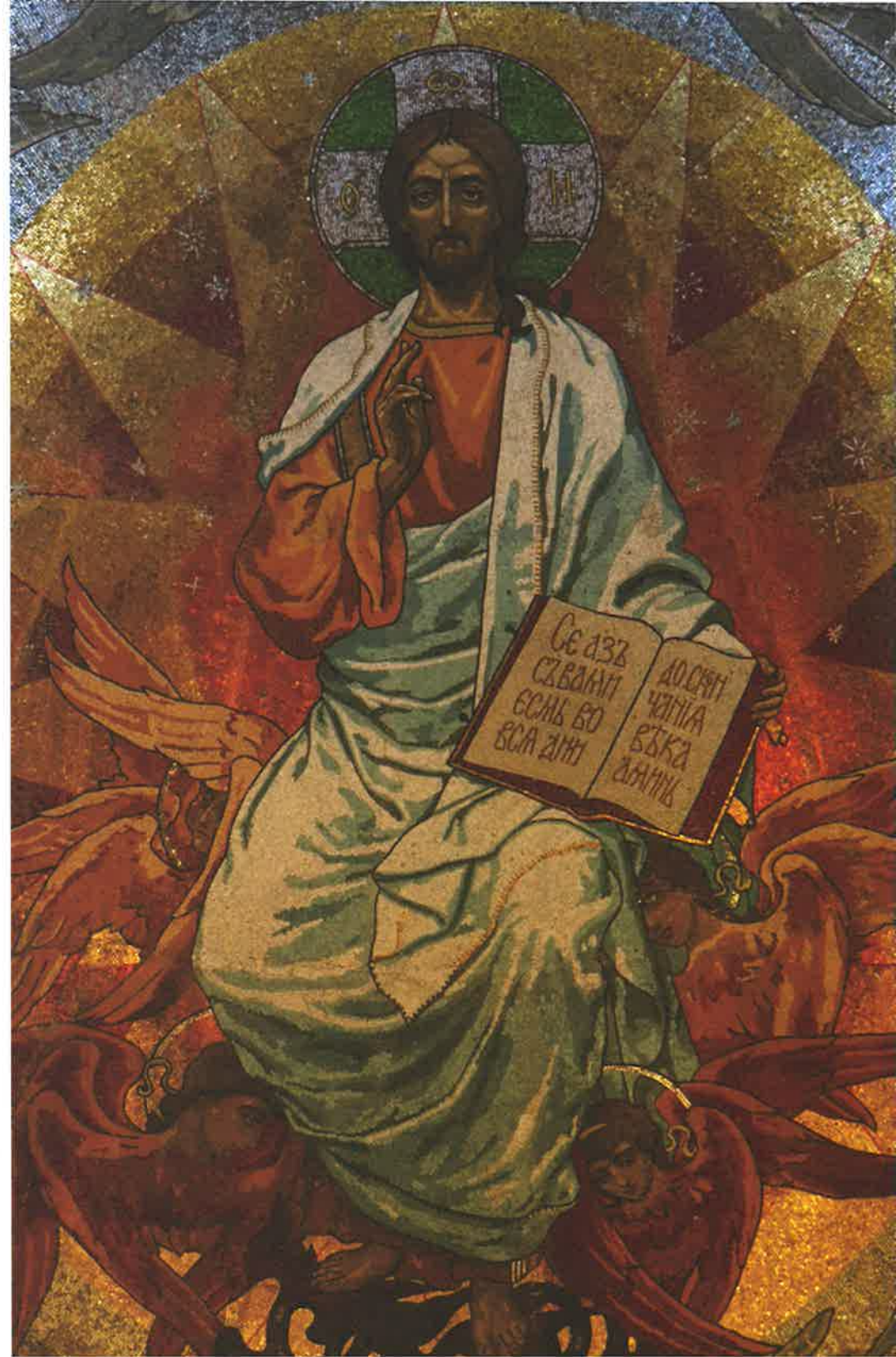


Image: Jesus Christ mosaic, Saint Petersburg, Russia

Eternal and Holy God,
Creator of all things,
Source of all Wisdom,
You are the life of the minds seeking to know you,
the love of the hearts that love,
the strength of the souls that serve you,
the source of all good things.

To be turned to you is to rise,
and to abide in you is to endure.

Sanctify us in body, heart, soul and mind
that we may have a strong sense of your presence
and inspire us to serve you as you call us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Image: Thread work on a stole.



Creating God,
Christ sent us into the world you love
to preach the Good News of your reign
in word and by our actions.
Inspire us by your Spirit
to seek wisdom,
to understand your Word,
to discern your will together,
to live with courage and endurance,
to love knowledge and learning,
to live with love and compassion and
to wonder at your mystery and grace.

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