



CENTRE FOR  
CHRISTIAN STUDIES  
*Imagine Church Differently*



# ANNUAL SERVICE OF CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 3, 2022

3:00 PM CDT via Zoom

# Order of Service

## Music

*Charmain Bailey*

I'll Fly Away

*(Lyrics by Albert Brumley)*

## Prayer

*Bob Osborne*

O God, who has gathered us gladly together,  
our jubilant spirit stirs us,  
making us ready to celebrate academic achievement  
and the diaconal vocation.

Today, we gather  
in honour of this year's graduates  
and this year's Companion of the Centre.

We celebrate the ministry of graduates' present and past.  
We celebrate the ministry of our special Companion  
and the Companions before.

We celebrate the whole cloud of witnesses who have been inspired  
by your jubilant spirit to love and seek justice,  
and who have filled our own hearts with purpose.

*(Adapted from the CCS Graduation Banquet 2018)*

## Dignitaries Present

## Treaty People and the Land

*Rachel Nadon*

We acknowledge the land as an affirmation of relationship.  
Our land story tells us about the complicated nature of our belonging and the depth of our history: it is a looking back, and a looking forward.  
On this land that some Indigenous people call Turtle Island, we remember the stories that were embedded in the landscape long before we arrived. We remember that the history of this land does not begin with us but includes us. There are places of mystery, places of sacredness, places of beauty.  
All form part of our shared story. One that we have benefited from unequally. As we enter into an era of reconciliation with our Indigenous neighbours, it is important to remember the truth beneath our feet, the history of our footsteps, whether we acknowledge them or not.  
May we begin to see that our version of history collides with realities of others; that our shared ways of knowing can allow us to learn from one another, as we

give thanks for the knowledge and wisdom we each embody from our experience here each day.

We were invited into this land by treaty and covenant to understand its shared narratives, overlapping timelines, and generational ancestral wisdom that tell us about who we are upon this land today.

May we have hearts to hear where the wisdom that is calling us in a land torn by conflict and pain, towards a better, healing future for all generations to come.

*(Written by Tony Snow, The Indigenous Minister for Chinook Winds Region.)*

## Scripture Intro

*Bob Osborne*

## Scripture

Ephesians 3:20

*Rachel Nadon*

Now to God who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us.

Isaiah 43:19

*Charmain Bailey*

See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

Micah 6:8

*John Helps*

God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

## Music

Teach Me, God, To Wonder

## Celebrating Our Companion

*Diaconal ministry, as a recognized order, is rooted  
within our faith tradition and history,  
and it is continued and embodied  
in an ecumenical, world-wide community.*

Citation of the Companion

Ken DeLisle

Response / Reflection

Aileen Urquhart

Pinning of the Companion.

### Music

On Eagle's Wings

\*Chorus only

## Celebrating Our Graduates

*Through education, service, social justice, and pastoral care,  
diaconal ministry in The United [and Anglican] Churches of Canada,  
encourages a growing faith,  
speaks truth to power,  
seeks mutual empowerment, proclaims prophetic hope,  
nurtures life-giving community,  
fosters peaceful, right relationship,  
within the church and the whole of creation  
wherever the Spirit may lead.*

Presentation of the Graduates

Marcie Gibson, Charmain Bailey,  
John Helps, Rachel Nadon

Pinning of the graduates (pins, towels, diplomas)

### Music

On Eagle's Wings

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## Thanking Departing Staff

Lori Stewart

*This vocation is a journey  
involving Spirit-filled enrichment and learning,  
requiring humble offering of self,  
demanding prayerful discernment and courageous risking, exercising  
visionary and communal leadership,  
promising joy and meaning,  
and daring to imagine God's abundance  
in a world of love and respect.*

## Music

On Eagle's Wings

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## Invitation to Offering

Lori Stewart

Here's what I believe:

I believe God is doing a new thing

Every minute of every day, God is at work, around us and within us

For the homeless, a place to live

For the hungry, a feast

For the thirsty, a cup of cold clean water that runneth over

For the weary, rest

For the lonely, a friend

For the sick, healing and wholeness

Here's what I believe:

Every minute of every day, God is making all things new,

giving and giving and giving again.

And you are called, we are called to be a part of God's work of generosity

You are called to give, to surrender your time, talent, and treasure

to this God-work of making all things new.

You are called to give.

We are called to give.

This is a time when you can make an offering using the link to our secure [CanadaHelps](#) page. Or you can go to our homepage at [ccsonline.ca](http://ccsonline.ca) and click on the donate button.

## Prayer of Dedication

Let us pray...

Loving God, with these gifts, make a whole new world  
 where everyone is loved,  
 a world where justice and compassion roll down like a mighty stream,  
 a world where crying and pain and death are no more!  
 Amen.

(Adapted from <https://www.saltproject.org/progressive-christian-blog/2017/> )

## Prayers of the People

*CCS Co-chairs and Staff*

Creator, we come to you with both the joys and the sorrows of our hearts.  
 We are grateful for the gift of life and the joy that it can bring.

For families and friends who love us.  
 For allies who stick up for us,  
 even when we cannot risk sticking up for ourselves.  
 For the great diversity you have created in our world.

We pray for all who suffer from discrimination  
 because of gender identity, sexual orientation,  
 colour of skin, ethnicity, differing abilities,  
 and in so many other ways.

Remind us and help us to live as siblings,  
 as all your children, and help us end violence  
 against everyone and everything you love and created.

We pray for ones who worry about employment or who cannot find a job.  
 For any who must hide a piece of identity in order to find housing.  
 For all who are not safe on our streets.

For people who do not feel safe in places of worship.  
 For everyone who gathers at outreach communities for coffee and fellowship.

Help us to end all forms of discrimination and hate.  
 We pray for peace in the world  
 and especially for Ethiopia, Libya, Yemen,

Syria, Afghanistan, Ukraine and Russia  
and for all those who are experience war  
For those who have died, may they rest in peace.

To all who mourn the dead, give comfort and allies to encourage them.  
We are one family – your family.

Bless our Companion, graduates, departing staff, and all present  
with the strength and faith they need to continue doing your ministry.  
Show us the way to make this world a better place for all.  
Amen.

*(Based on a prayer by Ruth Wood, "Speaking Our Truth")*

## Music

Long Before My Journey's End

## Announcements and Invitation to Reception

Scott Douglas

## Sending Forth

Ken DeLisle

*God calls us to diaconal ministry.  
The gospel of Jesus invites all to this ministry:  
to offer compassion and accompaniment,  
to work for liberation and justice,  
to act as advocates of creative transformation.*

As we leave here we go with the love of the Creator,  
the strength of the Spirit  
and the wisdom of Christ in the community, past and present.  
We are not alone.  
We leave this worship space to continue our worship  
where we are called to be. Amen



## 2022 GRADUATES

Receiving the Diploma in Diaconal Ministries:

Charmain Bailey

John Helps

Rachel Nadon

## 2022 COMPANION OF THE CENTRE

Receiving the Companion of the Centre Award:

Aileen Urquhart

## ANNUAL SERVICE OF CELEBRATION PLANNERS

Rachel Nadon

Bob Osborne

Ken DeLisle

## ALUMNI GRADUATION ANNIVERSARIES

### 25 years

Linda Clark

Kay Dean

Kent Gibbons

Elaine Gultzan

Jane Leonard

Sherran Schick

Karen Thorne

Roz Vincent-Haven

### 40 years

Jay Armistead

Denise Davis-Taylor

Cathy Edwards

June Malabar

Laurie McKnight

Susan Palmer

Marion Switzer

Lawrence Taylor

### 50 years

Charlotte Caron

Barbara Gibaut

Elaine Palmer-Harding

### 60 years

Catherine Ambrose

June Barnett

Jessica Beecham-

Stockton

Anne Bell

Greta Goger

Jeanette Cornish

Eleanor Geib

Mary Gilchrist

Helene Hannah

Mary Jameson

Shirley McKee

Amelia Reid

Margaret Silver

Ruth Tanyi

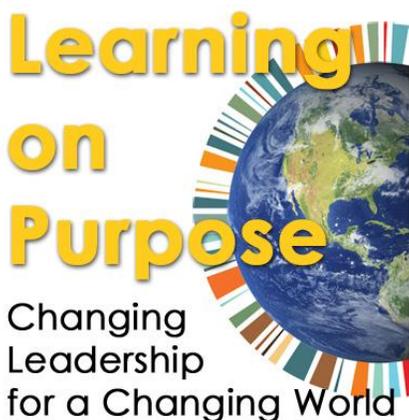


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