Worship Leaders	Rev. Joanne McFadden, KAIROS Board, The United Church of Canada Katharine Masterton, Movement Building Circle Co-Chair, The Presbyterian Church in Canada Becca Whitla, Music Director, The Church of the Holy Trinity
Welcome	Charles Bobbish, KAIROS Indigenous Circle Co-Chair, Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples
Readers	Susie Henderson and Isabella Henry Rob Shropshire, Interim Director, Canadian Council for Refugees, Dignity and Rights Circle
Homilist	Rev. Paul Gehrs, KAIROS Board Chair, Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
Representatives of Member Churches	Mardi Tindal, Moderator, The United Church of Canada Rev. Rick Fee, General Secretary: Life and Mission Agency, The Presbyterian Church in Canada Rev. Bruce Adema, Director, Canadian Ministries, Christian Reformed Church in North America
	Jane Orion Smith, General Secretary, Canadian Friends Service Committee (Quakers)
Presenters from KAIROS Circles	Mike Hogeterp, Chair Dignity and Rights Circle, Christian Reformed Church in North America Janette McIntosh, Co-chair Sustainability Circle, The Presbyterian Church in Canada and David Millar, Co-chair Sustainability Circle, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) Harley Eagle, Co-Chair Indigenous Rights Circle, Mennonite Central Committee Canada June Sekella, Chair Global Partnerships Circle, The United Church of Canada Bev MacDonald, Co-Chair Movement Building Circle, Atlantic Regional Representative
Prayers of the People	Sue Wilson, CSJ, KAIROS Board, Canadian Religious Conference, Rev. Iteffa Gobena Molte, All Africa Council of Churches Ecumenical Envoy to the African Union, Global Partner, Partnerships Circle Julie Saborault, Réseau oecuménique justice et paix, Movement Building Circle
Musicians	Becca Whitla, Alfredo Barahona, Rachel Warden
Staff	Emily Wilson, Anne Herteis, Caroline Foster, Julie Graham, Erin Green, Giselle de Rosario



Welcome to the Church of the Holy Trinity!

We are a community of people who express Christian faith through lives of integrity, justice and compassion. We foster lay leadership, including the doubter and marginalized, and challenge oppression wherever it may be found. Our church is on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. We acknowledge with humility and gratitude that this place was considered a sacred place long before the church's presence.

#### GATHERING

Greeting: Joanne McFadden and Katharine Masterton

# Welcome Prayer: Charles Bobbish

# Hymn: Let us Build a House (All are Welcome),

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During the hymn, Board members representing the eleven members of KAIROS will bring candles to the central table.

 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.
 Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

 Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.
 Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace; here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
 All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3. Bâtissons un lieu où l'amour vient, dans l'eau, le vin, le blé; un banquet dans un moment saint de justice et de paix.
De Dieu l'amour s'est révélé en ce précieux rendezvous: le don partagé de la liberté.
Venez, entrez! Venez, entrez!
Venez, entrez! C'est chez vous! 4. Let us build a house where hands
will reach beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

# **Opening Litany**

One: In the beginning there was chaos. **All: In the beginning there was God,** One: God longing; **All: God creating;** One: God labouring; **All: God birthing;** One: God weeping; **All: God laughing;** One: God loving. All: In a beginning there was dawn.
One: In the beginning there was life,
All: Life to be shared,
One: Abundant life sacred and holy,
All: Life breathing;
One: Life growing;
All: Life below the earth;
One: Life above the earth.
All: For in the earth was the harvest;
One: For in the sky was the rainbow.
All: God's covenants of life.

One: Tonight we have gathered to celebrate the new ministry of Jennifer Henry as the Executive Director of KAIROS, and to covenant together.

All: United as God's people,
We covenant to share our passion for sustainability, dignity and rights, in this kairos moment that is ours.
One: In this covenant we are united in ministry.
All: Embracing life filled with passion,
One: Proclaiming life in the midst of all that is death-dealing,
All: Liberating life with all of its blessings,
Transforming life out of the struggle.

One: In joy we gather to worship our Creator, to celebrate this new ministry and to renew the covenant that is ours.

(This reflection was inspired by Carter Heyward's "Blessing of the Bread", was written by Mary-Beth Moriarity, and adapted for use in this service.)

#### **Opening Prayer:**

All: The God of new beginnings has called us to this place, and has given us all we need for the work that is ours as KAIROS. Blessed by the Spirit of the Risen Christ, we are emboldened to speak truth to power, strengthened for the work of accompaniment and promised endurance for the struggles that will surely come. Faithful to the call of Christ to serve God by serving the world, we seek your blessing, O God, that our work and witness will be true to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10	At the conclusion of the reading
Susie Henderson and Isabella Henry	One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Seated	All: Thanks be to God

**Hymn: Psalm 100** Words: French, Théodore de Bèze 1561, et al, English, attrib. William Kethe; adapt. Thomas H Troeger 1992, alt. Music German Psalter 1551.

1.All people that on earth do dwell, Sing out your faith with cheerful voice; Delight in God whose praise you tell, Whose presence calls you to rejoice.

2. Sachez qu'il est le Souverain, qu'il nous a formés de sa main, nous, le people qu'il veut chérir, et le troupeau qu'il veut nourrir. 3. Enter the sacred gates with praise; with joy approach the temple walls. Extol and bless our God always As people whom the Spirit calls.

4. C'est un Dieu rempli de bonté,D'une éternelle vérité,Toujours propice à nos souhaits,Sa grâce dure à jamais.

Second Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33 Rob Shropshire Seated

At the conclusion of the reading... One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church All: Thanks be to God

#### Reflection: Paul Gehrs

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#### Enemy of Apathy words and music: The Iona Community, 1988 1.She sits like brood - ing а bird, the wa - ters. on 2.She wings o - ver earth, rest - ing where she wish - es, 3.She danc - es start - ling in fire, her spec - ta - tors, 4.For she is the Spirit, one with God in es - sence, Hov' - ring the cha of the world's first day; on os Light - ing close the skies; at hand soar - ing through or Wak - ing tongues of dumb - ness reigned; ec - sta sy where Gift - ed Sa - viour by the in ter - nal love; e She mo - ther - ing sighs and she sings, cre - a - tion, She nests in the womb, wel - com - ing each won - der, She weans and in - spires all whose hearts are o - pen, She is the key o - pen - ing the scrip - tures, give birth Wait - ing Word will to to all the say. Nour - ish - ing po - ten - tial hid - den to eyes. our Nor can she be cap - tured, si - lenced or re - strained. hea-ven - ly Е ne - my of a - pa thy and dove.

#### **RENEWAL OF THE COVENANT FOR MISSION**

# **Articulation of KAIROS' Mission**

One: What does the Lord require of you?
All: To do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with our God.
One: In all that we do as KAIROS, we are rooted in faith.
All: We pray for theological courage.
One: We are connected to the work and witness of churches.
All: We are part of global movements for social transformation.
One: We uphold the dignity and rights of all peoples.
All: We seek sustainability for all communities and for the whole earth.
One: We pray to be deep and focused in our pursuit of God's vision.
All: Working together, we amplify and strengthen our witness.
One: Et qu'est-ce que le Seigneur réclame de toi,
All: Rien d'autre qu'agir avec justice,
aimer avec tendresse, et accompagner humblement ton Dieu.

#### **Expression of Executive Director's Commitment**

One: Jennifer Henry, you have been called, chosen and appointed to serve as the Executive Director of KAIROS. Will you provide effective leadership and management for KAIROS? Will you articulate and implement a vision that energizes this ministry? And will you be diligent in supervising the finances, administration, and organizational development of KAIROS? Jennifer: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

One: Will you work in partnership with the Board, Staff, Members, Circles, Companions and Communities who make up KAIROS?

Will you foster solidarity with global and social partners, and Indigenous and migrant communities in Canada? Will you build working relationships with organizations, groups, and leaders from various sectors of society? And will you uphold the dignity of all you meet?

Jennifer: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

One: Will all that you do be rooted in faith? Will you work for God's vision of dignity and rights and sustainability? And will you lead KAIROS in retaining its theological courage and integrity? Jennifer: I will, and I ask God to help and guide me.

One: May God who has given you the desire to do these things, faithfully support and encourage you.

#### **Expression of KAIROS Community's Commitment**

One: You who are part of the KAIROS movement, You who come as partners with KAIROS, And you who are gathered as God's people, Will you work with KAIROS in seeking justice through education, advocacy and action? Will you support and pray for Jennifer Henry in her role as Executive Director? And will you renew your commitment to transform the world?

#### All: We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

One: May God who has given you the desire to do these things, faithfully support and encourage you.

### PRESENTATION OF SYMBOLS OF OFFICE

**From representatives of some of the member churches:** Mardi Tindal, Bruce Adema, Rick Fee, and Jane Orion Smith **A Bible** is presented as a symbol that KAIROS has been created by churches, and its work is rooted in the vision of God and the faith tradition.

Presenters: We give you this Bible, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS is faith-based in every way. Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission, And I give you this tree as a commitment to honour and respect the many different trees in the forest of faith.

# Sung response:

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From the Dignity and Rights Circle: Mike Hogeterp with Circle members.

A copy of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and the book *For All Peoples and Nations* is given, representing both international human rights law and its theological foundations.

Presenters: We give you the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights* and the book *For All Peoples and Nations* as a sign that the witness of KAIROS upholds dignity and rights.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give you this Tree as commitment to defend human rights against landslides of injustice.

# Sung response:

Toi, qui es l'amour, toi, qui es bonté.

Seigneur, donne la paix, que seul tu peux nous donner.

From the Sustainability Circle: David Millar and Janette McIntosh with Circle members.

**A maple leaf** is given, representing life, new life, giving and receiving, with prayers for a new leaf, inspiring change and transformation. The leaf is a collage: framed and in multiple colours.

Presenters: We give you this maple leaf collage, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS seeks sustainability for life and opportunity for new life.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give you this tree as a commitment to remember humanity's within the whole of Creation.

#### Sung response: Sung by the Choir in Cree

# From the Indigenous Rights Circle: Harley Eagle with Circle members.

A small stone is given as a symbol of KAIROS' journey with Indigenous peoples, and of the wisdom from elders that will guide our work. According to the circle, the small stone can be used as a talking piece that can be passed from one participant to the next in a talking Circle. The stone will come in its own Native Design pouch. In our minds, the talking piece stone represents a reminder of our connection to Creation. We are part of a larger system that we need to be mindful of in terms of responsibility, accountability and care. It serves as a reminder of earth as our relative. Secondly it is symbolic of the Circle process: A process of gathering together in the Spirit of equality and respect. The process helps us to hear from all voices, to provide a place for emotions, passion, questions, silence, for challenging and for curiosity. It is helpful to remind us to be process driven rather than solution driven. It helps us to remember patience and fortitude. We are in this for the long haul. Working together in the style of the Circle process is often full of ambiguity and we must be willing to have patience even when our impatient tendencies would have us do different. Finally the stone represents centered-ness. The work of KAIROS requires the ability to be centered, that we enter the work with a good mind that carries a sense of grounded-ness and integrity that comes from knowing that we are but one relative in a universe of relatives.

Presenters: We give you this talking piece stone, as a sign of our connection to Creation, as a symbol of the respectful process of the Circle, and as contribution to centeredness, groundedness, patience, and integrity. Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give you this tree as a commitment to honour the ancestors and look forward to the seventh generation.

#### Sung response:

Tú eres amor, tú eres bondad, Señor danos la paz, que el mundo no puede dar.

#### From the Global Partnerships Circle: June Sekella with Circle members.

A **pin** is given as a symbol that KAIROS lives out its calling in Global Partnership. The pin is made of out of silver, and is in formed into the logo of All Africa Conference of Churches (AACC): the African map with a cross on it. It represents our partnership. It is being delivered by Rev. Iteffa Gobena Molte, AACC Ecumenical Envoy to the African Union, as he attends the Global Partnership Circle meeting.

Presenter: We give you this pin, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS happens in partnership with global movements of the south.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give this tree as a commitment to shelter the hope expressed by all who struggle for global justice.

#### Sung response:

You, Source of all love, you, Giver of good, O God, grant us your peace, the peace that the world can't give.

#### From the Movement Building Circle Bev MacDonald with Circle members.

**A beaded cross i**s given as a symbol that building an ecumenical justice movement brings together many people, as God's people, united in our work for God's justice. The cross was made by an Indigenous person from Moose Lake.

Presenter: We give you this cross, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS energizes people, and people energize KAIROS' witness.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give this tree as a sign of commitment to our deep roots in communities across the country.

#### Sung response :

Toi, qui es l'amour, toi, qui es bonté. Seigneur, donne la paix, que seul tu peux nous donner.

# From the Staff

**A rope of prayer beads** is given as a symbol for the leadership and support that the Executive Director offers to staff. According to the staff, this gift reflects the fact that everything Jennifer brings to her work comes from her theological rooting. It was made by Erin Green, member of the staff team.

Presenters: We give you these prayer beads, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS needs faithful leadership, strong communication and theological courage.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give you this tree as a commitment to a timbered choir of strong, diverse voices in harmony.

Sung response: Sung by the Choir in Cree

From the Board: Paul Gehrs and Board members.

**A Weaving** is given as a symbol of the leadership and support that the Executive Director and the Board offer to each other, and as a symbol that KAIROS weaves together the denominational bodies and agencies that make up the Board.

Presenters: We give you this weaving, as a sign that the witness of KAIROS unites diverse traditions in public witness to God's desire for justice and peace.

Jennifer: I receive this gift as a symbol of our partnership in mission,

And I give you this tree as a sign that our faith will continue to grow.

#### Sung Round:

You, Source of all love, you, Giver of good, O God, grant us your peace, the peace that the world can't give.

One: Much has been given and much has been received, Much has been shared and much needs time to grow. Much has been accomplished, and there is much that needs to be done. At this KAIROS moment, Let us celebrate that a new ministry has begun.

The people may respond with applause.

Words of Response: Jennifer Henry

**Hymn:** Never Turning Back Words and Music: Pat Humphries

We're gonna keep on walking forward

Keep on walking forward(x2)

Never turning back (x2)

Gonna keep on walking proudly...

Gonna keep on singing loudly ...

Gonna keep on loving boldly ...

Gonna work for change together...

Gonna show our children courage...

Gonna keep on moving forward...

#### **Passing of the Peace**

One: La paix du Christ soit toujours avec vous. All: Et avec votre esprit.

**Offering:** Profeta Words and Music by Jorge Palencia (El Salvador)

#### Prayers for world and church

One: Creator of the Cosmos, soften the ground of our being and attune our consciousness to your divine energies for truth, compassion and justice in the world. May our partnerships around the world deepen as we advocate for justice and move toward a future where human rights and environmental care shape our relationships in Earth community.

One: God in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer** 

One: Esprit de Dieu, tu insuffles la vie en nous et tu nous entraînes vers des relations porteuses de vie les uns, les unes envers les autres. Au Canada, en moment même, tu souffles un espoir nouveau au sein des relations entre les peuples autochtones et non-autochtones. Remplis-nous de ton Esprit afin que nous puissions être ensemble dans la solidarité alors que nous cherchons la réconciliation par la justice et la guérison par un lien plus approfondi avec cette terre.

# One: Dieu, dans ta miséricorde All: Entends notre prière

One: Risen Christ, your presence reveals a love that is not deterred by boundaries but delights in creating new possibilities. Your love beckons us to participate in God's Communion by joining together in faithful, ecumenical action for justice. Awaken us ever more fully to your power and presence that together we may work toward the transformation that is made possible through the gift of your love in the world.

One: God in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer** 

One: The Peace of Christ be always with you All: And also with you.

#### Prières pour le monde et l'Église

One: Toi qui as créé l'univers, adoucir l'essence de nos êtres et mets nos consciences en harmonie avec ta divine énergie de vérité, de compassion et de justice en ce monde. Que nos partenariats à travers le monde s'approfondissent alors que nous réclamons la justice et que nous marchons vers un avenir où les droits humains et la sauvegarde de la Création façonnent nos relations en cette communauté terrestre.

### One: Dieu, dans ta miséricorde All: Entends notre prière

Spirit of God, you breathe life within us and urge us into life-giving relationships with each other. In Canada, at this time, You are breathing hope into the relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples. Fill us with your Spirit that we might stand together in solidarity as we seek reconciliation through justice, and healing through a deeper connection with this land.

One: God in your mercy All: Hear our prayer

One: Christ resscuscité, ta présence révèle un amour que ne limite aucune frontière mais qui se rejouit à créer des voies nouvelles. Ton amour nous appelle à prendre part à la communion de Dieu en nous rassemblant ensemble pour des actions envers la justice dans la foi et l'œcuménisme. Éveille-nous encore plus à ta puissance et à ta presence afin qu'ensemble nous puissions œuvrer pour une transformation qui est seulement possible par le don de ton amour en ce monde.

One: Dieu, dans ta miséricorde All: Entends notre prière One: Dieu d'amour, à travers toi, chaque personne possède une dignité qui ne peut être altérée. En ce monde meurtri, aide-nous à continuer de croire qu'ensemble nous pouvons faire une difference. Nous demandons ta bénédiction sur Jennifer en son nouveau ministère. Qu'elle ressente notre appui, rendu tangible à travers les nombreux dons qui se retrouvent au sein de la communauté de KAIROS alors qu'elle met au service de toute la communauté ces dons merveilleux.

#### One: Dieu, dans ta miséricorde All: Entends notre prière

One: God, Source of all Wisdom, teach us to see that all things are rooted in the gifts of your Creation. May this basic stance of gratitude deepen our sense of responsibility to one another, strengthen our commitment to transform the unsustainable and unjust economic patterns that prevail in our world, and catalyze within us the change that is needed to live out an inclusive global vision that promotes the wellbeing of all peoples and Earth.

One: God in your mercy **All: Hear our prayer** 

The Lord's Prayer Please say this prayer in the language of your choice.

#### Sending

One: We are grounded in holiness by a God who breaths out beauty.

We are loved into being by a God whose compassion is boundless.

Nous élaborons une communauté par un Dieu qui recherche notre affection.

We are compelled into justice by a God whose dreams cannot be contained.

We go out in faith and struggle, in courage and in hope to be God's people.

All: May love for life and boldness for justice change our hearts and transform the world. Amen

Loving God, through You, each of us has a dignity that cannot be tarnished. In this wounded world, help us to continue to trust that together we make a difference. We ask for your blessing on Jennifer in her new ministry. May she know our support, made tangible through the many gifts found within the whole KAIROS community, even as she uses her wonderful gifts in the service of the whole.

One: God in your mercy All: Hear our prayer

One: Dieu, source de toute sagesse, enseigne-nous à voir que toutes choses sont enracinées dans les dons de ta Création. Que cette attitude fondamentale de gratitude approfondisse notre sens des responsabilités les uns, les unes envers les autres, qu'elle renforce notre engagement à transformer les forces économiques inéquitables et injustes qui prévalent en notre monde, et qu'elle catalyse en nous le changement essentiel pour témoigner d'une vision globale inclusive qui promeut le mieux-être de tous les peuples tout autant que celui de la Terre.

One: Dieu, dans ta miséricorde *All: Entends notre prière* 

#### Envoi

One: Notre fondation est la sainteté d'un Dieu d'où procède toute beauté. Notre être provient de l'amour d'un Dieu dont la compassion est sans limite. We are shaped into community by a God who seeks our friendship. Notre appel en est un envers la justice par un Dieu dont les rêves ne peuvent être contenus. Accompagne-nous dans le foi et la lutte, dans le courage et l'espoir d'être ton peuple.

All: Que l'amour pour la vie et le courage pour la justice nous transforment et transforment le monde.

# Hymn: Living Justice

Let streams of living justice flow down upon the earth;
 Give freedom's light to captives, let all the poor have worth.
 The hungry's hands are pleading, the workers claim their rights,
 The mourners long for laughter, the blinded seek for sight.
 Make liberty a beacon, strike down the iron pow'r,
 Abolish ancient vengeance: proclaim Your people's hour.

The dreaded disappearance of family and friend;
 The torture and the silence: the fear that knows no end;
 The mother with her candle, the child who holds a gun.
 The old one nursing hatred: all seek release to come.
 Each candle burns for freedom; each lights the tyrant's fall;
 Each flower placed for martyrs gives tongue to silenced call.

3. For healing of the nations for peace that will not end,
For love that makes us lovers, God grant us grace to mend.
Weave our varied gifts together; knit our lives as they are spun;
On Your loom of time enroll us till our thread of life is run.
O great Weaver of our fabric, bind Church and world in one;
Dye our texture with Your radiance, light our colours with Your sun.

4. Your city's built to music; we are the stones you seek;
Your harmony is language: we are the words you speak.
Our faith we find in service, our hope in other's dreams.
Our love in hand of neighbour: our homeland brightly gleams.
Inscribe our hearts with justice; Your way, the path untried;
Your truth, the heart of stranger, Your life the Crucified. -© William Whitla, 1989 Gustav Holst, 1921

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A huge thank you to all who were involved in planning and leading this service. Warm thanks also to those who coordinated the reception.

Please stay for refreshments and conversation.

