Order of Service, July 2, 2017
A Celebration of Our Heritage
(all bolded text = congregational response)
(** = please stand in body or in spirit)

We Gather Together
Welcome and Announcements
Choral Introit: “This is the Day” .................. VU 412
Lighting of the Christ Candle and the recognition of the Land
Blessing Jar

† Call to Worship (Responsive)
We gather today for worship marking the 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. As we gather, we recognize that a history of a people is not all glory.

The history of Canada has both joy and sorrow, both triumph and tragedy. We have much to celebrate, much to lament, and much to dream.

Come, let us gather in the presence of God, our Creator. Come, let us worship the Creator in whom we, and all of creation, are one.

Come, let us open our hearts in thanksgiving.
Come, let us be filled with the Spirit’s vision as we worship today.

† Opening Prayer (Unison)*
O God of shepherd, warrior, and prophet;
Creator of First Peoples, pioneer, and saddlebag preacher; Light of immigrant, loyalist, and seeker: we live with history and we love your presence in it. We trace our roots to your creative powers. We embrace one another as children of your Spirit. As we celebrate our history today, help us remember all of it: that which makes us proud and that which makes us ashamed; that which reveals our closeness to your Word and that which reveals our distance. Remind us of your constant presence: forgiving, restoring, recreating, and making all things new. Hear us, Redeemer God, as we dwell for a moment in your goodness. Amen.

Robin Wardlaw, Glen Rhodes U.C., Toronto, Ont.

♫ Hymn: “Let Us Build a House” ..................... MV 1

We Listen to God’s Word
♫ Choir: “Make Me A Channel” .......... 12 Anthems Pg. 21

Theme Conversation: Remembering the Tapestry of Cultures and what it means to have culture.

♫ Hymn: “Spirit Open My Heart” ..................... MV 79

† Our Scriptures Today:
- 2 Corinthians 16-21

Reflection: Reconciliation and Union

We Respond to God’s Word
Offering
♫ Dedication Hymn: “We Give Thee But Thine Own” .... VU 543
† Offering Prayer
† Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer

We Go Out in Joy
♫ Closing Hymns: “America the Beautiful” – in honour of July 4th for our American friends
O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, 
For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee. And crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea!

“O Canada”.................................................................VU 524

Commissioning and Benediction **
♫ Sung Benediction: Amen, Amen, Amen ...........VU 967

Special Thanks to Sheila Riskie for coordinating our UCW Outing on June 21st. Everyone had a great time, with great food, fellowship and even had our Canadian knowledge tested by Howard French – with some of us even winning prizes😊 Thanks for a lovely evening!

In Our Prayers, this week:


Our condolences to the family and friends of Anne Cahill. She was the mother of Pat Vincent-Wood and lived to be 102 years old.

**St. Andrew’s:** Erwin Pilatzke, Garnet and Wendy Gould, Shirley Hamilton, Jack Weldon, Lloyd Chant, Mariam and Charlie Smith, John Dew, Sharon Ellis

**Our Sister congregations:** Addison United Church, St. Andrews United Church, Anglican Parish of Newbliss, St. Philip Neri Catholic Church and Delta Baptist Church

**At the Front:** The table at the front has a tealights place on it and lit in recognition of our different cultural heritages. What does this mean to you and how does this determine what a ‘Canadian’ is?

**Delta-Toledo Pastoral Charge**

**Delta United Church**

**Sunday, July 2, 2017**

**Give Thanks to God for Everything!**

**Welcome to our Service!**

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