

## **NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY**

### **SPECIAL Sunday Worship Service June 26<sup>th</sup>**

A special worship service, led by Cari Klaassen, who wove together worship elements of Indigenous ceremonial rituals and special music with a rich Lutheran worship liturgy. (*A smudging ceremony was offered to those who wished to participate*).

Afterwards there was **a fellowship time with coffee and fresh bannock** baked by Cari and friend, Diane.

Cari (Carolyn) Klaassen is deeply committed to working within the church and the BC Synod on its journey towards Reconciliation. She is a member of First Lutheran Church in Vancouver BC, a graduate from Vancouver School of Theology with a certificate in Indigenous Theological studies and is currently in the Indigenous Masters of Divinity Program at VST. Carolyn raises awareness of indigenous ceremonial customs through participation in a congregation's worship service.

### **What is National Indigenous Peoples Day?**

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of [First Nations](#), [Inuit](#) and [Métis](#) peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.



