

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada

*July 2017*

Service Leader:	July 2	Cathy Given
	July 9	Debbie Coupland
	July 16	Museum Service
	July 23	Marvi Lamont
	July 30	Jessie Hauger

\* Please stand in body or in spirit

Greeting

The Spirit in me greets the Spirit in you. **Alleluia!**

God's in us and we're in God. **Alleluia!**

Lighting of the Candles

We light this first candle:

**celebrating the presence of God with us, within us, and around us.**

We light this candle for peace: **as we pray for peace within ourselves, and in our world.**

Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrations and Announcements

Call to Worship

Here in this space heaven and earth touch,

**the gateway to grace is wide open,**

for here the people of God come to worship,

**and God enfolds us in welcoming embrace.**

God declares, "I am with you."  
**Come enter into this sacred space,  
come enter into God's warm embrace,  
come be held in this community of grace,  
for we are all welcome here.**

Prayer of Approach *Based on Psalm 139*

God, you know me as I am,  
you are acquainted with all my wills and ways.  
**You gather me in,  
and enfold me in your grace.**  
Yet I find this knowledge so hard to understand.  
**Is there any place that I can go that is  
away from your spirit?**  
Is there anywhere that I could flee  
from your presence?  
**If I fly to the farthest limits of the sea,  
even there your hand shall lead me,  
and hold me fast.**

If I asked the darkness to enfold me,  
and the light around me to turn into night,  
the darkness would not hide me;  
**for the night is as bright as the day to you, and the  
darkness cannot extinguish  
your light.**

It was you who formed me; as I was  
knitted together in my mother's womb.  
**And I am so fearfully  
and wonderfully made.**

God, you are in all places, in heaven and earth.  
**Your works are wonderful; that I know.  
And I know that your promise is true,  
you will be with me always. Amen.**

\* Hymn

- July 2 Come All Ye People MV 2
- July 9 Worship the Lord VU 401
- July 23 Morning Has Broken VU 409
- July 30 This is the Day VU 412

Prayer for Grace

Merciful God, we have promised to follow you, and yet,  
when there is a cost,  
we too easily turn aside.  
**Sometimes we have been afraid to follow Jesus in bearing  
witness to your love  
for the world.**  
**There are times when we act as if  
we are ashamed of our faith.**  
**Have mercy on us and teach us day by day what it means  
to follow Jesus and  
to let Christ's light shine through us.**  
*Silent reflection* ..... Amen.

Words of Assurance

Nothing can separate us from the love of God:  
nothing in our past, nothing in our future,  
no sin miniscule or mighty.

Through God’s grace we are forgiven;  
we are freed for service.

**Thanks be to God! Amen!**

Sung Response Amen, Amen, 2x Chorus **MV 112**  
**Amen, Amen, it shall be so!**  
**Amen, al-le-lu-ia!**

Scripture Readings

July 2 Genesis 22:1-14,  
Matthew 10:40-42

July 9 Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67  
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 23 Genesis 28:10-19a,  
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 30 Genesis 29:15-28  
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Response to the Reading of Scripture

The words of scripture are wise words for us,  
words we can trust.

**We thank God for these eternally relevant words of  
scripture.**

Reflection

\* Hymn

July 2 Small Things Count VU 361

July 9 When I Needed a Neighbour VU 600

July 23 All Things Bright & Beautiful VU 291

July 30 Give to Us Laughter VU 624

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer **VU 959**

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

Minute for Mission

Invitation to Offering

As Christians, as followers of Jesus, we are called to serve in  
whatever ways we are able.

One opportunity is to give whatever we can for the work of  
this faith community;  
and through the Mission and Service Fund,  
for others within God’s world.

As we bring forward our financial gifts to be dedicated, we  
also dedicate our whole selves  
to our various ministries.

\* Offertory Hymn 2x What Can I Do? **MV 191**

**What can I do? What can I bring?**

**What can I say? What can I sing?**

**I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.**

**I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.**

\* Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, accept these gifts as thanksgiving for your many blessings.**

**Accept these gifts as our commitment to your kingdom.**

**Accept these gifts and bless our lives. Amen.**

\* Hymn

July 2 I Heard the Voice VU 626

July 9 Go to the World VU 420

July 23 To Show by Touch & Word VU 427

July 30 Deep in Our Hearts MV 154

\* Commissioning and Benediction

Here and everywhere, as we open our hearts to God,  
heaven and earth touch,

the gateway to grace is open wide; and

God enfolds us close in loving embrace.

As you move from this place into God's world,  
go knowing that God says:

"I am with you, I will never leave you."

Go with the blessings of the Holy One:

who we know as Creator, Christ, and Spirit. Amen.

\* Sung Response 2 x Go Now In Peace **VU 964**

**Go now in peace, go now in peace.**

**May the love of God**

**surround you everywhere,**

**everywhere you may go.**

\* Postlude

*Reprinted with Permission from The United Church of Canada:*

*Call to Worship and Prayer of Approach:*

*Seasons Fusion July 23, 2017,*

*Prayer for Grace: Dianne Astle, Gathering Pentecost 1A, p. 36*

*Prayer of Dedication: Frances Flook, Gathering Pentecost 1 A, p. 39*

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