

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
Service Leader: Paul Cincurak

16th Sunday after Pentecost

September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Hymn Books: MV = More Voices ~ VU = Voices United

Please join in reading aloud the text in **Bold**

***God Invites Us to Gather***

Welcome/Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Let us worship God, the creator of our abundant universe.

**God surrounds us with beauty and brilliance, beyond our imaginings.**

God's abundance is revealed to us in ways and means that are unexpected.

**Let us be reminded of God's faith to us, God's cherished people.**

Let us open our hearts in awe, wonder and gratitude.

**Let us worship together, knowing and trusting that we are cared for by our generous and benevolent God of love.**

**Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Hymn **VU #122** – Come Let Us Sing

## Prayer for Transformation

God of freedom, you liberate us and move us away from those things that hold us hostage or tend to tie us in knots.

**Our challenges limit our capacity to see all that you give.**

Your love is constant and unwavering.

You provide us with all that we need, and then offer it to us in unexpected ways.

**And yet we complain.**

You listen to us and are attentive to hearing our pleas for help

**But our grumbling keeps us from being open to your presence.**

O God, you are generous, far beyond our limiting beliefs. Transform us away from our fear of scarcity so that we may experience your abundance in life giving ways.

**Nurture us in our faith and gratitude so that we may be the people you call us to be: people of trust; people who share generously; people who are filled with joy and love. Amen.**

## Theme Time

Hymn **MV#30** – It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

### *We Listen for God's Voice*

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways.

**Speak to us now through the reading of the scriptures.**

Scripture readings: Exodus 16:2-15  
Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45  
Philippians 1:21-30  
Matthew 20:1-16

May each one of us be blessed by a renewed understanding of these portions of our sacred story. Amen.

## Sermon "Working Towards An Abundance Worldview"

Hymn **MV#37** – Each Blade of Grass

(Make Full the Circle of God)

### *God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope*

Minutes for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings

Offering Response: **VU# 218** – We Praise You, O God v1

**We Praise you O God, our Redeemer, Creator;**

**In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.**

**We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;**

**we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing**

Prayer of Dedication

**God of abundance and grace, bless these gifts, which are a reflection of our trust in you. Whether they have been given here, through PAR, or at other times, use them as you will, so that your work may be experienced here in our communities and around the world.**

**Amen.**

Prayers of the people

Lord's Prayer (found on VU p.921)

Hymn **VU #575** – I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

***We Go Into the World to Share God's Love***

Sending Forth

We go out into your world as faithful stewards

**who believe in a faithful God.**

We live out our faith, mindful of our words and actions

**We respond to God's abundance with generosity, grace and gratitude.**

**May it be so...**

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