

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

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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 the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

The joy of Christ Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

Make music to God with all your heart, with the songs of faith and psalms.

Wherever you are, whatever the time, give thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

He is the living bread that came down from heaven. We gather together as his people to receive the spiritual food of his Word that he offers to us now through his Spirit.

We will listen for that Word, receiving it by grace, and recommitting ourselves to live and follow in his way.

Hymn: **VU #218** - We Praise you, O God

Opening Prayer

Creator God, Mystery at the centre of all life, Spirit filling all creation, Sacred Presence, elusive, hidden, Eternal Now, encountered in darkness and dreams,

in moments of emptiness and joy, in the warmth of friendship and tenderness of intimacy, in faith shared and Scripture read, in the stillness of the soul, with love, we gaze upon You.

Father, Mother, Lover, Triune God: You are all in all; our wholeness and protection;

You are everything to us. By Your invitation of grace, we lay down before You the burdens we carry, the suffering we endure, the issues with which we wrestle, and the memories of past wrongs, hurts, shame and failures.

May we know the touch of Your hand, O Christ. AMEN.

Hymn **VU # 559** - *VU # Come O Fount of Every Blessing*

Passing of the Peace

“The peace of Christ be with you”
And also with you.

Prayer for Transformation

Theme Time

Hymn **MV # 156** Dance With the Spirit

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: 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58

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

Sermon – Rev. Hilde Seal “What to Do in Desperate Times”

Hymn **VU # 382** Breathe on me Breath of God

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Minutes for Mission

Invitation to the Offering

Offerings Response: VU #218 – We Praise You, O God
***We Praise you, O God, our Redemmer, 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

Gracious and ever-giving God, accept our offerings of self and substance to accomplish what we cannot do by ourselves. And so join us together, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs of your Spirit that we may be loving influences for the good you want to accomplish through us. May all our gifts and our time be devoted to your purposes. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord’s Prayer (found on VU p.921)

Hymn **VU # 556** Would You Bless our Homes and Families

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

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