

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

Service Leader: Neva Hanson

6th Sunday after the Epiphany
*means please stand (as you're able)

February 17, 2019
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GATHERING

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in God.

Plant us like a tree by the water. Send our roots toward the stream.

Bear fruit in all we do, and make our leaves evergreen.

Delight in God, meditate on God's law day and night.

We praise God's holy name now and always. One: Come, let us worship.

GATHERING PRAYER

*GATHERING HYMN - **VU 381** Spirit of Life

PRAYER OF HUMILITY (in unison)

**When our hearts are doubting Your
steadfast love never wavers.**

When our minds are dull,

You open them with the unexpected

When our judgments are sharp, You soften us with your grace.

When our bodies are weary,

You soothe us with nature's embrace.

**When our souls are anxious, you surprise us with your awe.
God, awaken in us a sense of wonder that we may be made new in
you. Amen.**

WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

SHARING A STORY

*SINGING A SONG – **MV 157** I am a Child of God

ENGAGING

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE Jeremiah 17:5–10, Psalm 1
1 Corinthians 15:12–20, Luke 6:17-26

REFLECTION

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

HYMN A Living Prayer Gifted by Clarence Hanson

RESPONDING

MINUTE FOR MISSION

THE OFFERING IS GATHERED (in support of the ministry and mission
of the church)

*THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD – **MV 18** Lord Prepare Me
**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true;
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**O God, all that we have and all that we are, are gifts of your grace.
In the giving of our offering, help us to unwrap the love and mercy
that you have planted inside us in new and life-giving ways, so
that we may be awed by what is possible in this world and the
next. Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS - "O God, Hear My Prayer" – **VU #948 (2X)**
***O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: when I call answer
me.
O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer: come and listen to
me.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (responsively)

We remember those who have asked us to pray for them.

For the poor and the outcast,

teach us your divine hospitality.

For the hungry –

show us how to fill all in need.

For the weeping –

give us laughter to share.

For the despised –

bring us acceptance.

For the rich –

reveal the true consolation of sharing.

For the satisfied –

spark desire for the company and well-being of others.

For the happy –

let them not fear loss.

For the celebrated and revered –

give them the grace of humility.

God, we take comfort that it is you who is sovereign and steadfast in
love. May we bless others with the power of this love. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GOING OUT (as God's people)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CLOSING HYMN – **VU 679** Let there be Light

*BLESSING

Whether we have blessings or woes, each calls us into becoming more fully like Christ.

Each of you has a gift to give and a blessing to receive.

Let us live in the full expression of what it means to be blessed in a world that God created and blessed. Amen.

POSTLUDE