

*GOING OUT (as God's people)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN – “In the Bulb There Is a Flower” – **VU #703**

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE – “Take Up His Song” – **MV #213** (Peace & Hope)

*Take up his song of peace\* and go into the world.*

*Take up his song of peace\* in ev'ry moment.*

*In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;*

*lay them down, in peace,\* lay them down, and take up his song.*

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

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\*means please stand (as you're able)

*GATHERING*

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

When life is wonderful,

**you are there, Spirit God.**

When life is unpredictable,

**you are there, Spirit God.**

When our hearts are full of joy,

**you are there, Spirit God.**

When our hearts are heavy from the cares of the world,

**you are there, Spirit God.**

Holy Spirit, you are here with us now,

**in this, our time of growing our faith together.**

GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN – “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

– **MV #10**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Spirit God, you made a covenant with Noah and all the Earth – a promise you've kept to this very day.

**We acknowledge we don't always keep our promises.**

Spirit God, it's tempting to take the easy way out – instead of doing all the hard work.

**It's tempting to live in the way of the world, instead of living lives modelled on a love for all.**

Spirit God, it's tempting to think we have all the answers.

**Forgive us for the times we give into the temptation and turn away.  
Amen.**

#### WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE (responsively)

The Peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

#### SHARING A STORY

\*SINGING A SONG – “Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

– **MV #18 (3X)**

#### ENGAGING

#### READINGS FROM THE BIBLE

*Genesis 9:8-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Peter 3:18-22 & Mark 1:9-15*

#### MESSAGE

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### RESPONDING

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION

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

\*THE OFFERING IS BROUGHT FORWARD – “It's a Song of Praise to the Maker” – **MV #30** (Verse 2)

*It's a call of life to the Giver, when waves and waterfalls roar.*

*It's a call of life to the Giver, when high tides break on the shore.*

*And by the Spirit, you and I, can join our voice to the holy cry,  
and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.*

\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Spirit God, thanks for the abundant blessings entrusted to us.**

**Enable us, we pray, to be good stewards of all we've been given.**

**And grant us hearts of generosity, so the work still needing to be done can and will be.**

**Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS - “Put Peace into Each Other's Hands”  
– **MV #173** (Verses 1 & 2)

*Put peace into each other's hands, and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.*

*Put peace into each other's hands, with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.*

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (A Translation) (Sung) – Music by Wendy Edey

**Our Father, our Mother, loving God in whom is heaven,**

**may your name be made holy, may your reign come.**

**May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day the bread we need and forgive us our debts  
as we have forgiven our debtors.**

**And do not put us to the test but free us from evil,**

**for yours is the dominion and the power**

**and the glory forever.**

**Amen.**