

**Beaverlodge - Wembley - Hythe Pastoral Charge**  
**United Church of Canada**

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\*means please stand (as you're able) CCIL #2927611

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

**God Invites Us to Gather**

Welcome

**Lighting of the Candles**

There once was a man who did the most amazing things and said the most wonderful things. He was kind and loving. Many people followed him and listened to him. One day someone asked him "who are you?" and he said, "I am the light." (*Light the candle.*)

**Let the light of the Christ shine, for shadows cannot overcome the light.**

**Call to Worship**

Come and gather; gather together, even though we are apart!

**We gather in the name of Jesus the Christ.**

Come knowing that when we draw together, Jesus is among us.

**This is the day, to gather and to worship.**

**Opening Prayer**

Loving God, you who are dancing with the stars, resting in the ocean tides, and closer than our breath; we lean into your abiding love and compassion. Surprise us this day and lift up our hearts. Amen

**Hymn:** MV # 185 – Ev'ry day is a Day of Thanksgiving

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you"

**And also with you.**

**Prayer of Transformation**

**Holy God, gathered in your love, we give you thanks. Living in your love we praise you and honour you. As your people, we look to you for strength and wisdom, knowing that we have come up short in how we share your love. Shape our lives with your compassion and continue to teach us the ways of Jesus.**

**Theme Time**

**Hymn:** MV # 157 – I Am a Child of God

Please be seated

**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.**

Focus Scripture: Esther 2: 7-22

[Sermon: Kim Holmes-Younger - Click to Play](#)

"We Need More Esthers Around Here"

**Hymn:** VU # 509 – I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Please be seated

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

Minute for Mission - Jazz and Technology Meet Up  
Invitation to the Offering

Offering Response:

VU # 541 – Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow

Prayer of Dedication

**Loving God, bless the gifts of our hands, our hearts and our work. May we remember that all good things come from you, as we open our hearts and give. Amen**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: MV # 174 – Soil of God, You and I

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

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

**Sending Forth**

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