

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
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Reign of Christ

November 26, 2017

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

*GATHERING*

MUSIC AS WE GATHER

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 100) (responsively)

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

**Come worship God with gladness.**

Come celebrate God's presence with a song.

**Rejoice, God is our creator.**

We are God's people,

**the sheep of the good Shepherd.**

GATHERING PRAYER

\*GATHERING HYMN – "Make a Joyful Noise" – **VU #820**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (responsively)

Tightly bound within familiar worlds and too often sealed off from the worlds of others, we now take leave for a more fertile place:

**We seek an openness of heart. We seek the pulse of Spirit. We seek an ability to perceive. We seek the capacity to feel and to act with compassion for others.**

Spirit God, we pray, return us to broader perspectives and to a firmer courage to live the way we're called to.

**We seek an openness of heart. We seek the pulse of Spirit. We seek an ability to perceive. We seek the capacity to feel and to act with compassion for others.**

Spirit God, grant us a spirit of wisdom and revelation as we come to know Christ better. May the stirrings of our hearts guide us away from that which separates us from you and our ministry, and draw us ever closer to the great inheritance of hope passed down through Jesus the Christ.

**Amen.**

\*GREETING ONE ANOTHER (responsively)

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

SHARING A STORY

\*SINGING A SONG – “One More Step Along the World I Go”

– **VU #639**

*ENGAGING*

READINGS FROM THE BIBLE – Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100;  
Ephesians 1:15-23 & Matthew 25:31-46

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 – “Grant Us, God, the Grace”  
– **VU #540**

***Grant us, God, the grace of giving,  
with a spirit large and free,  
that ourselves and all our living  
we may offer faithfully.***

\*OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Spirit God, your kin-dom is justice, peace and love.**

**May these gifts help bring all those about.**

**Amen.**

SHARING OUR CONCERNS - “And When You Call for Me” – **MV #96**

***And when you call for me, I have already answered,***

***And when you call for me, I am already there.***

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER – VU #921 (Ecumenical Version) (in unison)

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

*GOING OUT (as God’s people)*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*CLOSING HYMN – “When I Needed a Neighbour” – **VU #600**

\*(A TRADITIONAL CELTIC) BLESSING

POSTLUDE