

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN:** MV #215 "Peace Be with You"

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**



Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
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**Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost, October 15, 2023**

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**PIANIST:** Videos for Wembley and Beaverlodge

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Come, the doors are wide open for you to enter God's presence.

**All: We come with praises of thanksgiving.**

Leader: Come to the banquet, rejoice and be glad.

**All: We come to feed from the wisdom of God's Word.**

Leader: Come, let us enter dressed in a garment of faith and reverence in celebration of God's love and mercy.

**All: We gather joyfully to commune with those who come from far and wide.**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN:** MV # 8 "And on This Path."

**OPENING PRAYER**

### **PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION** (in Unison)

**Merciful God, you invite us to your kingdom, instead of accepting, we make excuses and decline the invitation. We ask that you increase our faith and forgive us. Amen!**

### **WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Folks, how wonderful it is to be invited to a service of worship. The gate to the banquet is wide open to all of you to come to feast. We are forgiven beloved of God. Great is his faithfulness!

### **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

**All: And, with you.**

### **CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**\*\*CHILDREN'S HYMN:** "Rejoice in the Lord Always." (Video by CJ & Friends)

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 22: 1-14

The word of God to us, God's people.

**REFLECTION:** "UNIVERSAL INVITATION"

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 508 "Just as I Am"

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** Ecumenical Church Loan Fund: Anert's Story

### **INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

We are invited to joyfully present our gifts.

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** VU # 356 "Seek Ye First the Kingdom."

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Providing God, the source of all things, invisible and visible, we thank you for the many blessings you dispense to us each day. We thank you for the provision of daily bread and all that we need. As we offer, we ask that you accept these gifts with thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ. Amen!**

### **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

#### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us join in the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,**

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

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**