

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH



Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us lift our hearts to God in hope.

All: We Come with our eyes open and our hearts ready to serve.

Leader: Come let us give our hands, our minds, and our lives for service to the world.

All: We come trusting in God's whispering Spirit to hasten our feet and our helping hands.

Leader: Come, let us wonder at every gift given.

All: We come in wonder hoping to share in the kingdom.

Leader: Come let us sing and pray to God.

All: We Come with songs of praises and adoration.

****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 222 "Come, Let Us Sing."

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

Gracious God, sometimes we belittle ourselves, sometimes we feel left out of God's given talents, sometimes we feel unimportant and fail to give our all to the world. We always elevate the weaker part of our lives, the little we have. Help us discern that we are a small congregation but gifted with great talents. Help us identify our talents O God. We ask this through Christ. Amen

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Folks, each one of us is gifted with a talent. Some of us have more than one talent to offer to the world. We are called to invest in our talents. Let us program our minds, hearts, hands, and feet for the greater gain and service with joy and zeal. Amen!

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:** VU # 340 "Jesus, Friend of Little Children."

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

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

REFLECTION: "NO ONE IS LEFT OUT"

****HYMN:** VU # 361 "Small Things Count."

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Kindergarten in a Refugee Camp

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

Let us gather our gifts and offer them in gratitude.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 182 "Grateful."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Providing God, you call us to grow in our faith and in our gifts that you have bestowed upon each one of us. You call us to generosity and stewardship as disciples. We bring the gifts of ourselves, our talents and everything we have been given. God, bless these gifts. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, so we pray:

**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.**