

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
Third Sunday in Lent
March 03, 2024

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.**

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 209 "Go, Make a Difference."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Leader: Go forth with hearts open to the light of Jesus. May Christ go ahead of you turning over the tables that distract your attention. May his love and presence aid your journey now and forever.

All: We place our hope in Jesus as we journey holding each other in his love and compassion. Amen!

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WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Leader: As we travel through this Lenten journey, we are reminded that God wants us to worship him with truth and in spirit.

All: We travel this journey with simplicity, reflection and revitalization of body, mind, and soul.

Leader: As we extinguish the candle we are reminded of our brokenness and need for repentance and forgiveness.

All: As the flames fade away, we are reminded of the importance of reflection and seeking God's wisdom about our faith journey.

HYMN: VU# 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights."
[Verse 3 only]



CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather to proclaim the glory of the Lord our God.

All: We gather to acknowledge that our temples are cluttered, and we need God's help.

Leader: Let us declutter our stuff; selfishness, materialism, unhealthy thought patterns and pointless distraction.

All: We release our grudges and we become honest with God.

Leader: Let us prepare our hearts--our sanctuary for the good news.

All: We genuinely come with openness and mindfulness to connect with God and his creation.

OPENING PRAYER:

****OPENING HYMN:** MV # 18 "Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary." (2X)

A NEW CREED: VU # 918 [in unison]

We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 189 "Jesus, we are Here."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

Merciful God, God who travels with us through our journey in the wilderness, guides us by your Word restoring and renewing us through your Son Jesus Christ. Open our hearts to receive the truth of your Word and illuminate all aspects of our lives as we worship this morning. Amen!

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

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 2: 13-22

REFLECTION: "NECESSARY DECLUTTER: JESUS SPEAKS "

****HYMN:** VU # 149 "When I Survey the Wonderous Cross."

GENEROSITY: "Giving Oversight"

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

We are invited to be intentional, to share generously as we seek to bless others and to bring hope to God's creation.

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 171 "Christ Has No Body but Yours."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [in unison]

Generous God, we are your hands to touch and restore hope. We are your feet to journey mercifully with the poor. We are your eyes to gaze with compassion and to see as you see.

Help us to be a blessing in sharing the various gifts you have bestowed upon us. We pray this through Christ. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE