

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
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**Fifth Sunday in Lent**  
**March 17, 2024**

**MINISTER:** Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

**PIANIST:** [W] Gwen Richardson [B] Esther Johnstone

**WELCOME**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

Leader: As we gather to worship, we come with our suffering, anxiety, grief, and brokenness.

**All: The good news is that there is a fierce joy that comes with the good news of the gospel message.**

Leader: As we extinguish the candle, we are reminded that 'unless a grain of wheat dies it cannot bear fruit. 'We are reminded of Jesus' dark hours in suffering and death yet a dawn Easter of joy.

**All: We are reaffirmed of God's constant presence in his promise of the new covenant written on our hearts.**

**HYMN:** VU # 108 "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights."  
[Verse 5 only]



**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We come humbly, with repentant hearts to worship the creator.

**All: I acknowledge my rebellious spirit and remorsefully confess and ask for forgiveness.**

Leader: With a new heart, I choose the path of the one whose love is boundless and unfailing, the creator God.

**All: With a faithful spirit I seek God's mercy and presence.**

Leader: In our laughter, and agony, we come where all are welcome.

**All: We come to share in abundance God's grace and compassion.**

**OPENING PRAYER:**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN:** VU # 395 "Come in, Come In and Sit Down,"

**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 # 157 "I AM A Child of God."

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** [in unison]

Merciful and compassionate God, renew, restore, and reform us by your Word that comes through your Son Jesus Christ. Help us build new relationships and give us hope to forge forward in our journey to Easter. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen!

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** JOHN 12:20-33

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

**REFLECTION:** "FACING OUR FEARS"

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 626 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus."

**THE BIG QUESTION:** Why Do I Go to Church? With Brent Cage

**INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

We are invited to make a new covenant, giving what has been gifted to each one of us. Let us prepare our hearts and minds and our gifts.

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 191 "What Can I Do?"

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** [in unison]

Providing and loving God, we thank you for creating a new heart of giving, caring, and loving. Thank you for bestowing a devoted spirit to offer our gifts knowing that the gift you gave on the cross for the world is incomparable with the gift

we offer for the sake of the Gospel of Good News. Bless our giving, inspiring generosity, and gratitude. We pray 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.**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 213 "Take up His Song."

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**