

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
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Third Sunday of Easter- April 14, 2024

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

PIANIST: Shirley Preuss

WELCOME

Leader: Peace be with You!

All: And with you.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather rejoicing in the resurrected Lord.

All: We gather with praises and hallelujahs rejoicing in the risen Christ.

Leader: Let us give thanks and rejoice in the day that God has made.

All: We come to encounter Christ with doubts, misunderstandings, and fear yet we experience the peace he offers to all of us.

Leader: Let us celebrate the victory of life won through Christ.

All: Hallelujah! Thanks be to God.

OPENING PRAYER:

****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 179 “Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Give Thanks.”

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 who has come in Jesus, the made flesh, to reconcile and 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: The Book “When God Made You” By Mathew Turner

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 157 “I am a Child of God.”

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

God who lives among us, the light in which we dwell, open our eyes so that we may perceive the wonder of your Word and truly understand what we ought to do as

people of the resurrection. May your word become a balm for the wounded hearts, nourishing, inspiring, and enlightening to live into the resurrection. Amen!

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

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 24:36-48

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

REFLECTION: "WHAT ARE YOUR WOUNDS?"

****HYMN:** VU # 173 "Thine is the Glory,"

THE BIG QUESTION: Why do you Go to Church?

[W] Dianne Dunbar **[B]** Shirley Preuss

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

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

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [in unison]

God, we generously gather our tithes and all the treasures that we have, and we bring them before the altar remembering the love you have demonstrated for us through your risen beloved Son. Bless our giving and help us to always show our gratitude in all that we do for the creation and people around us. 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 # 215 "Peace be with You."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH



