

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
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April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather as a people from one-fold, one shepherd, and one creator.

All: We gather not afraid of our foes and wolves.

Leader: Let us gather where there are green pastures and still waters.

All: We gather knowing that our true shepherd loves and cares for us.

Leader: Let us gather confidently knowing that in this place we will be fed, our tears wiped, and our fears calmed.

All: Here, there is love, care, and protection. Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us raise our voices with a new song to praise our Creator.

All: We have one common goal, to praise and worship as one family.

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

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

Shepherding Christ, you call us to lay down our lives for the people in our world, you call us to be shepherds, and dare justice to the vulnerable, however, too often, we fail to respond to your call.

Sometimes we go astray wandering to dangerous places like sheep without a shepherd. Bring us back to your fold and empower us by your Spirit to be courageous enough to follow and respond to your call.



WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Brothers and sisters do not be afraid, in Christ Jesus, we are assured of God's love and care. Know that we are forgiven beloved, children of God. 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:** MV # 45 "You are Holy."

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

SCRIPTURE READING: John 10:11-18

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

REFLECTION: "SHEEP OF ONE-FOLD."

****HYMN:** MV # 126 "Are You a Shepherd."

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "Building and Strengthening Community through Art."

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

As stewards of God's world, we are invited to offer all that we have, our gifts, talents, and time. Let us joyfully offer them with thanksgiving.

****OFFERING HYMN:** VU # 542 "We Give You but Your Own."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

In gratitude and humble trust, we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. Amen! [See VU.P.544]

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.

****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 423 "God be with You till We Meet Again."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

