

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
Fifth Sunday of Easter- April 28, 2024

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

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WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us gather from the east, west, south, and north.

All: This is the right place to be.

Leader: Let us gather in this place of peace and love.

All: We gather to share our joy and sadness.

Leader: Let us gather to love and support one another.

All: We hold hands together to worship in truth and Spirit.

Leader: Let us submit fully to God's presence in awe and praise.

All: We submit ourselves to love transforming power.



OPENING PRAYER

****OPENING HYMN:** VU # 371 "Open my Eyes, That I may See."

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 # 122 "This is the Day."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

Dear Lord, as we gather to listen to stories and the good news, may the Words of the Scripture open our eyes to see the reality of your love and our ears to hear your voice alone truly. Open our hearts to love and share the truth of the scripture. Amen!

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

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 4:7–21

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

REFLECTION: "CALLED TO LOVE"

****HYMN:** MV # 136 "When Hands Reach out and Fingers Trace."

THE BIG QUESTION: Why do you Go to Church?

[W] Kyla Kaczmarek [B] Judy Bremner

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 189 "Jesus, We Are Here."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [in unison]

Loving God, we present our gifts, monetarily by e-transfer, Par, envelope, along with our time, and talents. We offer them with gratitude and thanksgiving hoping to bring transformation to the recipients of these gifts. Bless them and those who provide them with love. 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 # 216 "Wherever you May Go."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH