

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 1, 2024

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

MUSIC: Shirley Pruess, Clarence & Keith

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES



CALL TO WORSHIP ((responsively: inspired by Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23)

Leader: As we gather today, let us remember the words of Jesus, who calls us to look beyond outward appearances and focus on the purity of our hearts.

All: Lord, help us to worship you in spirit and truth, not just with our lips but with our hearts.

Leader: Jesus said, These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.

All: Lord, cleanse our hearts and renew our spirits, so that we may truly worship you.

Leader: Jesus teaches us that it is not what goes into a person that defines them, but what comes out from their heart.

All: Lord, cleanse our hearts and minds so that our actions may reflect your love and righteousness.

Leader: From within, out of the heart, come evil thoughts.

All: Lord, please transform our hearts and minds and help us to be authentic worshipers.

HYMN: VU # 409 “Morning Has Broken.”

OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

Gracious God, we acknowledge our shortcomings and seek forgiveness. Lord, we have not always lived according to your word. We have been quick to speak and slow to listen, and our anger has not produced your righteousness. We have often been hearers of the word and not doers. Forgive us, Lord, for we have neglected to care for those in need and not done what we ought to have done. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Dear friends, God forgives and accepts us as God’s children. We are forgiven and loved.

CHILDREN’S TIME:

****CHILDREN’S HYMN:** MV # 189 “Jesus, we are Here.”

Leader: Together, as a faith community, let's attentively listen to the scripture reading, allowing its message to strengthen our bond and guide our actions.

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:17–27

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

REFLECTION: “FAITH IN ACTION.”

HYMN: VU # 508 “Just as I Am.”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ”Moments of Connection”

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN AS OFFERING IS GATHERED: MV # 182
“Grateful.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In unison)

Loving and gracious God, we acknowledge that every perfect gift in our lives is a gift from you. We have listened to your guidance and invitation to share and extend your love to those in need. May these gifts bring hope, healing, and joy to our communities of Faith and beyond. Amen!

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In unison)

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.

HYMN: VU # 427 “To Show by Touch and Word.”

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Leader: As we go forth from this place, let us carry the light of Christ shining brightly in our hearts and actions.

All: We will be doers of the word, not merely hearers, living out our faith in love and service.

Leader: May the God of every good and perfect gift bless you and keep you. Go to care for those in need and guard yourselves from the corrupt world.

All: We will go into the world to serve with love and compassion, reflecting God’s unchanging goodness.

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the world in joy.

All: Amen!

POSTLUDE