Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge United Church of Canada 403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0 Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost- September 8, 2024

ALL ARE WELCOME!

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

PIANIST: Shirley Preuss

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP {Responsively}

Leader: The day has dawned; the time is now to come together. Let us trust that God will guide us in this place of worship.

All: We gather in trust in God's unchanging love and compassion for all.

Leader: Let all the people gather and rejoice in the one who made them all.

All: Those who trust in God, have rich faith, are not shaken but surrounded with God's love.

Leader: Let us gather with compassion and play our part in this place of worship faithfully and joyfully.

All: We are called by our names to serve the world, demonstrating our faith and works.

OPENING PRAYER

**OPENING HYMN: VU # 412 "This Is the Day."

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!

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 # 62 "There is room for All." {Video}. *2

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

Lord, you remind us that for those who trust in you, their faith will not be shaken. As we pour our hearts into worship and listen to the word of the Scripture, may we extend our love beyond bounds of our community to create room for all. Open our hearts and minds to receive the wisdom of your word to perceive, see, and speak clearly. Amen!

Leader: With attentiveness, let us humbly listen to the words of the scripture. May the spirit guide us to understand the secrets hidden in the scripture that awaken our souls and minds.

SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 7: 24-37 The word of God to us, God's people.

REFLECTION: "LIVING BEYOND BOUNDARIES"

**HYMN: VU # 266 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound."

MINUTE FOR MISSION: "It Starts with Education."

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

**OFFERING HYMN: VU # 593 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love."

PRAYER OF DEDICATION [in unison]

Lord, you teach us that Faith without works is dead. Please help us reach out to needy people without judgment and with compassion. We pray that our gifts will transform the world and those who benefit from them. We pray this in Jesus' name. 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 # 212 "Sent Out in Jesus' Name."

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE