

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada

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**Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost – September 29,
2024**

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

MUSIC: Esther Johnstone BUC & Shirley Preuss WUC

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsively)

Leader: Let's gather to learn and celebrate our gifts.

All: We gather to appreciate our gifts and talents.

Leader: Let us use whatever gift we have received to serve others as God's faithful stewards.

All: We will serve, discern, teach, encourage and give generously. Romans 12: 6-8).

Leader: Let's recognize our talents and serve with the strength given to us.

All: We come to serve cheerfully with our talents and capabilities.

Leader: Let us now thank our God for the gifts we share.

All: May it be so, now and forever

OPENING HYMN: VU # 236 "Now Thank We All Our God."



OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION

God, you call us to be stewards of your abundance. You remind us to be caretakers of all you have entrusted us with. You inspire us to use our gifts wisely and share them generously, yet as limited human beings, we find ourselves doing contrary to your desires. We ask that you transform our minds and hearts to recognize our talents and the goodness of all the creation. Please help us to be faithful stewards bound to use our gifts, time, and resources to further your work of creation. We pray this through Jesus' Name. Amen!

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Siblings of God, we are transformed and empowered to serve faithfully and diligently with all we have. Let us cheerfully continue serving faithful servants! Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** MV # 183 "I'm Gonna Shout, Shout."

Leader: As we listen to the Scripture, let us open our hearts to the lessons it teaches about our talents and faithful stewardship.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

REFLECTION: "FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP."

HYMN: VU # 506 “Take my Life.”

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Pastors Retreat—Respite and Reflection.”

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

OFFERING HYMN: MV # 187 “We Give our Thanks.”

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (In unison)

Creative and loving God, we come before you to express our gratitude for the abundant blessings you have bestowed upon us. We joyfully offer these gifts - our time, skills, and resources - with the understanding that they will be utilized to advance your Kingdom in the present moment. We ask for your blessings upon these gifts and upon those who are offering them. In the name of Jesus, we humbly pray. 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.

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

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

