

Prayers for Wildfire-Affected Communities



As wildfires impact lands and peoples across the country, we ask you to join us in prayer:

- For safety and protection for people, animals, and communities in harm's way
- For strength and resilience among evacuees, fire fighters, and other first responders
- For those affected by the smoke of the wildfires which is impacting air quality across broad distances
- For acknowledgement and action on the ongoing impact of climate change caused by human activity, and renewed attention toward an energy transition
- For healing and renewal for the land and all of creation



**Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
July 26 - Ninth after Pentecost**

All Are Welcome

**Service Leader: Brent Cage
Pianist: (B) Videos**

**Hymn Books: *MV = More Voices ~ VU = Voices United*
Please join in reading aloud the text in Bold
Please Stand

Welcome

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Let us pray together:

Holy One, we gather grateful to be made new once again. With every sunrise, a chance to walk in your ways. With every sunset, a chance to be embraced by your grace. May the days in between be filled with the freedom of this kind of love. Amen.

****Hymn:** MV # 28 - God of the Bible

****The New Creed (VU # 918)**

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.

Prayer for Transformation

Theme Time

****Hymn:** MV # 157 - I Am A Child of God

We Listen for God's Voice

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways.

Speak to us now through the reading of the scriptures.

Focus Scripture: Psalm 128 (Common English Bible)

This is the trustworthy witness of God's faithful people through the ages,

The divine word to us today. Amen.

Sermon: Rev. Luke Haisa "When Fear isn't Fear"

****Hymn:** MV # 58 – We Sing of Your Glory

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Mission and Service: Pursuing Peace

Invitation to the Offering

****Offering Response:** MV # 182 - Grateful

****Prayer of Dedication**

Take, O God, these the gifts of our labour and intention.

Make of them the most they can be, and bless them by your Spirit so all who benefit may know your love. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Response: We Pray

In Your love, Lord, hear us.

Lord's Prayer (found on VU p.921)

****Hymn:** MV # 138 - My Love Colours Outside the Lines

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

Now ends our time of worship

And begins our time of service. Amen

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