



MATTHEW 16:21-28



**Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 30 – Fourteenth after Pentecost**

All Are Welcome

**Service Leader: Debbie Coupland (B)
Pianist: Shirley Preuss (B)**

**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)

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

****Hymn:** MV 135 - Called by Earth and Sky

Passing of the Peace

As followers of the Christ, we can live into a Peace that can change the world. May our hearts be open to walking in this living Peace.

The Peace of the Christ be with you.

Prayer for Transformation

Theme Time

****Hymn:** VU 229 - God of the Sparrow

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: Matthew 16:21–28 (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. Cheryl Meban "When we Stop Trying to Manage God"

****Hymn:** MV 98 - Like a River of Tears

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Mission and Service: Nourishing Students

Invitation to the Offering

Offering Response: MV 150 v4 - Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Prayer of Dedication

Thank you, Loving Creator ... that we can give in many ways. Help us to see like the Christ, witnessing the abundance that is all around us. Bless what we give, and grant us hope. Amen

Prayers of the People

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

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

Now ends our time of worship

And begins our time of service.

****Benediction: May the Lord** (to the tune of Edelweiss)

May the Lord, mighty god,

Bless and keep you forever,

Grant you peace, perfect peace,

Courage in every endeavor,

Lift your eyes and see god's face

Feel God's grace forever.

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