

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH**  
**MAY 12, 2024**

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**WELCOME to our service this morning!**

*STONY PLAIN:*  
*Please stay for the Mother's Day BBQ after church today.*  
*Thanks to the Men's Club for cooking for us!!!*

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WE GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE GOD**  
*on traditional territory of Treaty Six Peoples and of the Métis Nation*

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

Come, let us delight in the love of God.

**Our joy is found in the love of God and neighbour.**

Come, let us be nourished by the Living Christ.

**Together, we will worship the One who enables us to thrive.**

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**GATHERING PRAYER**

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**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

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**HYMN: VU #672 "Take Time to Be Holy"**

**Verse 1**

Take time to be holy, speak oft with your Lord, abide in him always, and feed on his word.  
Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek.

**Vs 2:** Take time to be holy, let him be your guide, and run not before him, whatever betide.  
In joy or in sorrow, still follow the Lord, and, looking to Jesus, still trust in his word.

**Vs 3:** Take time to be holy, be calm in your soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control.  
Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love, you soon shall be fitted for service above.

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## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

#### GIFT OF MUSIC: Choir "Bless the Lord, O My Soul"

Text by Susan Dengler, based on Psalm 103; Music by Lee Dengler

#### THEME TIME

#### HYMN: MV #161 "I Have Called You by Your Name"

##### Verse 1

I have called you by your name, you are mine; I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.  
I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

**Verse 2:** I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.

**Verse 3:** I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.  
Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

**Verse 4:** I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS:

**A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS:** Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

**GOSPEL LESSON:** John 17:6-19

**REFLECTION:** "Are You Ready to Step Up"  
by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

#### PRAYER FOR UNITY AMIDST DIVERSITY

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**HYMN: VU #218 “We Praise You, O God”****Verse 1**

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;  
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.

**Verse 2:** We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,  
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

**Verse 3:** With voices united our praises we offer  
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
Our sins now confessing, we pray for your blessing,  
to you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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**THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION****INVITATION TO GIVE****OFFERTORY: VU #539 “God of All Good” Verse 3 (Tune VU #501)**

Maker, whose bounty all creation shows,  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows,  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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**DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*Unison*)**

**God, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Guide, and our God. Amen.**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD****SENDING HYMN: VU #560 “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”****Verse 1**

O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
teach me thy secret, help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

**Verse 2:** Help me the slow of heart to move with some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

**Verse 3:** Teach me thy patience; still with thee, in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sure and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,

**Verse 4:** In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future’s broadening way,

in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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## **CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US**

### **COMMISSIONING**

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### **BLESSING**

#### **SUNG RESPONSE: VU #556 “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” Verse 3**

From the homes in which we’re nurtured, with the love that shapes us there,  
teach us, God, to claim as family every one whose life we share.  
And through all that life may offer, may we in your love remain;  
may the love we share in families be alive to praise your name.

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#### **GRACE: VU #552 “For Food in a World”**

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, for friends in a world where many walk alone,  
for faith in a world where many walk in fear, we give you thanks, O God.

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### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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### **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

As we come together, we respectfully acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory of Alberta, Regions 2, 3 and 4 within the historical Northwest Métis Homeland. .  
We honour all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We recognize that many have come throughout the years to make this place their home. As treaty People, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we share the responsibility of finding authentic ways to ensure that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 12, 2024**

### **NEW**

**REV. DEBORAH AWAY:** Rev. Deborah will be away from Monday May 13 to Monday May 27 on Study Leave and Vacation. Pulpit Supply will be Rev. Sharon McRann on Sunday, May 19 and Terry Blois on Sunday, May 26. Thanks very much to both ladies for preparing and leading these services!. In case of emergency requiring a Minister during Deborah’s absence, Pastor. Anne Telford will be available May 13 to 20 and Rev. Bill Doyle from May 21 to 27. Please call the church office for contact information.

**BROADVIEW MAGAZINE.** New subscriptions and renewals are due for this award winning magazine, the only one of its kind left in Canada. The group rate is \$30 per year. Please renew or purchase your subscription by contacting the church office, **by Sunday May 26, 2024**; cash or

cheque. Cheques should be made out to Stony Plain United Church with Broadview written in the memo line. Sample copies of Broadview are available at the church.

**PHOTO CONTEST RESULTS:** It has been such a difficult task to decide from all the fabulous photos. The criteria was that no family could win two prizes and tried to select various types of pictures. So here goes....(Drum roll)....

1. White Pass Train
2. Swallowtail Butterfly on Weathered Wood
3. Weasel in the Wood Pile
4. Niagara Falls and River Scene
5. Aurora Borealis
6. Rock Creek.

Congratulations to all the winners! Please see Sue in the Office to pick up your prize. Thanks very much to everyone who sent in entries. We aren't planning to have any more photo contests in the near future, but you are welcome to send in photos which we can use in the power point or bulletins.

**PENTECOST IS COMING – SUNDAY MAY 19!** The choir will be in Mewassin in the morning of Pentecost, May 19, (service starts at 9 am). to help celebrate. Then we will be back in time for the 10:30 am service in Stony Plain.

**REVISED ANNOUNCEMENT FROM CATERING RE MAY 14, 15:** Tuesday May 14 will be a first day of baking for the Street Market. On Wednesday, May 15, we will be doing a deep clean, scrub and inventory of the commercial kitchen, pantry and sub-storage room . We will start around 9 am both days and helpers will get a hot lunch.

**UCW JUNE LUNCHEON FRIDAY JUNE 7:** June's meeting will be a lunch at 11:30 AM on Friday June 7 (**note change of day**) at the Tea House at the Stony Plain Museum. Notify the church office of your intention to attend **no later than June 6** to reserve your place at the table. Following lunch, the ladies will have the option to visit the Women's Pavilion. All ladies are welcome!

**SUNDAY JUNE 9 NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN:** There will be NO SERVICE at Mewassin Sunday June 9. Folks are warmly invited to Devon United's "Sunday in the Park" picnic service at 10 am. They are also very welcome to attend the informal service at 10:30 am at Stony Plain United.

**STONY PLAIN STREET MARKET JUNE 15 FROM 9 am to 3pm:** We will be participating in the Stony Plain Street Market again this year, with our table in the same location as last year – by the Town Hall Main Entrance. We will be accepting donations of gently used household items (**please no furniture or electronics**). but would like to focus on offering more baking and snacks this year.( come out to the baking day -May 14- if you can.) Please drop off items at the church during office hours (or we can possibly arrange for pick up on Wednesdays). You can also contribute by baking, donating groceries or grocery money, sorting, cleaning & pricing donated goods and taking a shift at our table and/or cleaning up on Market Day. Please contact the church office if you have any questions or would like to volunteer. Please tell your friends and plan to attend!

### **REMINDERS**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Currently Bible Study is on sabbatical. Another 3 week study will commence on May 30th, 2024 at 7 p.m. via Zoom. Keep your eyes and ears open for further information regarding the study. For those of you who have participated in previous Bible studies, the Zoom link remains the same. If you are interested in joining please contact the church office for the Zoom link and study materials closer to the start date.

**MAY 21 CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING:** The Congregational Care Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 21 at 10:30 am at the Church.

**SUNDAY JUNE 9 PICNIC SERVICE AT DEVON:** Devon United Church is hosting a picnic service at 10:00 am on June 9, 2024, in Devon at the Lyons' park. Stony Plain and Mewassin United Churches are invited. There will be an informal service in Stony Plain on that day, for those who will not be at the picnic. More details will follow later.

**PASSING ON YOUR CONCERNS:** If you know of anyone who would like a visit or needs a card, please call the Church Office (780 963-4745) or email [stonyuc@telus.net](mailto:stonyuc@telus.net).

### **COMMUNITY AND UNITED CHURCH EVENTS**

**THURSDAY MAY 23 & FRIDAY MAY 24:** ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at Spruce Grove Community and Social Development, 414 King Street, Spruce Grove, AB. Information/Registration: [sprucegrove.org/CSDPrograms](http://sprucegrove.org/CSDPrograms) or call 780 962-7618.

### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Ukulele Group            Wednesdays, 6:15 pm  
 Choir                      Wednesdays, 7 pm  
 Card Recreators:      Thursdays, 10 am  
 Bible Study:             Restart May 30: Thursdays 7 pm on Zoom

### **MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

Until Sun May 26	Renew or purchase your Broadview Subscription
Sun May 12	SP: BBQ after church
Tues. May 14	SP: 9 am Baking for the Street Market
Wed. May 15	SP: 9 am Commercial Kitchen Clean Up
Sunday, May 19	Pentecost – The Choir will be at Mewassin's 9 am service!
Tues. May 21	10:30 am Congregational Care Meeting
Thurs. May 30	7 pm Bible Study resumes on Zoom
Friday June 7	UCW: 11:30 am Lunch at the Tea House (Pioneer Museum)
Sun. June 9	MEWASSIN – NO SERVICE (Picnic service at Devon United)
Sun. June 9	DEVON – Picnic service 10 am – our churches are invited!
Sat. June 15	SP Street Market 9 am – 3 pm – SPUC will have a table!