

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
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WELCOME to our service this morning!

*We thank Rev. Sharon McRann for Presiding today and
presenting today's service written by Rev. Jo-Anne Kobyłka.*

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 people of God. Let us gather with hearts overflowing with delight and thankfulness

We are a community of faith blessed by God.

God's name is to be celebrated in all generations

With joy and gladness forever and ever.

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GATHERING PRAYER (Unison)

Powerful One, we come into this gathering humbled by your presence among us, grateful for the companionship of your people, and eager to worship your name. As we tell your story anew, we enter your story as the objects of your attention, love, and care.

May we know you more deeply and clearly.

May we be transformed and transfixed by the mystery of you.

May we be inspired by your deeds of power to be instruments of your reign in the world.

Empower us, O Holy One. Amen.

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (Responsive)

We light this candle as a sign of God's Spirit at work in the world,

may its light brighten our spirits, may the light of God shining through us brighten the world.

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HYMN: MV #51 "Yahweh Be Praised" 2x

Yahweh be praised in the heavens. Yahweh be praised in the streets.

Yahweh be praised with our singing when in worship we meet.

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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: "Heavenly Sunshine"

THEME TIME

HYMN: VU 299 "Teach Me, God, to Wonder"

Verse 1:

Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;
let your world of beauty capture me.

REFRAIN:

Praise to you be given, love for you be lived, life be celebrated, joy you give.

Verse 2: Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;
let your world of people speak to me.

REFRAIN

Verse 3: Let me God, be ready, let me be awake,
in your world of loving my place take.

REFRAIN

Verse 4: Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,
see you in my neighbour when we meet.

REFRAIN

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

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A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:

2 Samuel 5: 1-5, 9-10

GOSPEL LESSON:

Mark 6:1-13

REFLECTION: “Sapping God’s Strength” written by Rev. Jo-Anne Kobyłka

PRAYER: “For A New Beginning” by John O’Donohue

HYMN: VU #382 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Verse 1

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Verse 2: Breathe on me, breath of God, until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with thine, to do and to endure.

Verse 3: Breathe on me, breath of God, till I am wholly thine,
until this earthly part of me glows with thy fire divine.

Verse 4: Breathe on me, breath of God: so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life of thine eternity.

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

INVITATION TO GIVE

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OFFERTORY: MV #171 “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours” (Refrain, Vs. 4, Refrain)

REFRAIN: Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.

Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.

Verse 4: Through ev’ry gift, give back to those in need:

As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With ev’ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.

REFRAIN: Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.

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DEDICATION OF GIFTS (Unison)

Faithful God, we bring our gifts with trusting hearts, seeking your blessing on the ministries these gifts support. Work through our gifts to touch the world with your healing grace through Christ, in whose name we offer ourselves to you. Amen.

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN: MV #145 “Draw the Circle Wide”

REFRAIN:

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.

Let this be our song, no one stands alone, standing side by side, draw the circle wide.

Verse 1: God the still-point of the circle, ‘round whom all creation turns;
Nothing lost, but held forever, in God’s gracious arms.

REFRAIN

Verse 2: Let our hearts touch far horizons, so encompass great and small;
Let our loving know no borders, faithful to God’s call.

REFRAIN

Verse 3

Let the dreams we dream be larger, than we’ve ever dreamed before;
Let the dream of Christ be in us, open every door.

REFRAIN

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CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

COMMISSIONING & BLESSING (*Responsive*)

Go in faith into whatever the week ahead may hold, sure that Christ walks with us.

And may the God who made us, the Christ who mends us,
and the Spirit who gives us life bring us joy and peace, now and always.

May it be so, Amen

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SUNG RESPONSE: VU #649 “Walk with Me” Refrain only

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

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MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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 JULY 07, 2024

CARD RECREATORS: The Card Recreators **will NOT meet Thurs. July 18 or Thurs. July 25.** They will be back, hard at work on Thurs. August 1.

REV. DEBORAH ON VACATION: Deborah will be on vacation from July 1 through July 15, returning to work on July 16. If you need a Minister during this time, please contact the church office (780 963-4745 or email stonyuc@telus.net) for information.

MEWASSIN CAMPING WEEKEND FRI. AUG 30 TO MON. SEPT 2 (YES, THE LONG WEEKEND!): There will be no church at Mewassin that weekend (Sunday, September 1, 2024). We will have a pot-luck supper on Saturday evening followed by a small church service with Deborah. This all takes place at Entwistle RV Campground. All are welcome. You can come camp, or just come out for the day (any/all of the days). We hope you all can join us at some point. The main event will be the Saturday evening pot-luck and service. More details to come in August .

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.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Ukuleles & Choir Card Recreators:	On Summer Break until September Thursdays, 10 am <u>NOT JULY 18 OR 25</u>
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MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Fri. Aug 30-Mon Sept 2	Mewassin Camping Weekend (No service Sun Sept 1)
Sat. Sept 14	All Day – UCW Rally at SPUC
Sat. Oct 5	MEW Bottle Drive

NO SERVICES AT MEWASSIN June 30, July 7, 14, 21, or 28.

Services Resume Sunday, August 4 at 9 am

You are very welcome to attend the 10:30 am Services at Stony Plain United