# STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH JULY 28, 2024

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Reverend Deborah M. Hoekstra Cell: 780 983-2148 WELCOME to our service this morning!

**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)

Rejoice, folks, Jesus is in our midst.

Feed us, Jesus, and fill us with hope.

Be glad, friends, Jesus has bread and fish to spare.

Free us, Jesus, from the pursuit of food

that does not satisfy.

Sing for joy, people of God; God gathers up the pieces of our lives,

that nothing may be lost.

## Thanks be to God!

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#### **GATHERING PRAYER**

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#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

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## HYMN: VU #374 "Come and Find the Quiet Centre"

#### Verse 1

Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead,

Find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed;

Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see

All the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

**Verse 2:** Silence is a friend we claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,

God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, face to face,

Making space without our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,

Raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

Verse 3: In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
Let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
There's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
In the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

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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: "Will You Walk With Me" Words & Music by Isla Grant

## THEME TIME

HYMN: VU #224 "Sing a Happy Hallelujah"

Verse 1

Sing a happy hallelujah, sing it out with heart and style, we're the echo of God's laughter, we're the image of God's smile.

#### **REFRAIN:**

Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone! Hallelujah, all creation, hallelujah everyone!

**Verse 2:** We're the proof of God's good humour, we're the twinkle in God's eye, made to shine, reflect the glory, given light and space to fly.

## **REFRAIN**

**Verse 3:** Sarah laughed at God's good timing, Mary sang and David danced, Jesus smiled and hugged the children, so is life for us enhanced.

#### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 4:** Every day sing hallelujah! We are loved, though so absurd, human, foolish, chosen people, God still takes us at our word!

## **REFRAIN**

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#### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

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GOSPEL LESSON: John 6:1–21

**REFLECTION:** "Is There Really Enough?" by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

HYMN: VU #467 "One Bread, One Body"

**REFRAIN:** 

One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing, which we bless; and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.

## Verse 1

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

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## Verse 2

Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

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#### Verse 3

Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

**REFRAIN** 

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## PRAYER: (One voice interspersed with a call and response)

Call and Response: In Your mercy, hear our prayer.

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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**

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

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world—nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we have brought what we can.

As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

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# WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

## CLOSING HYMN: MV #172 "God Says"

## Verse 1

God says, "Be still so you may hear the words I whisper in your ear. If you will listen, you will know I'm with you always where you go."

**Verse 2:** God says, "Look up and see the prize I've placed here right before your eyes. Find beauty in the things of earth, a cause for wonder and rebirth."

**Verse 3:** God says, "Come here! I need your voice. Please teach my people to rejoice. In who you are, in what you do, your life will show my love for you."

**Verse 4:** God says, "Reach out! The world's in need and wants a word, a song, a deed. I send you forth to speak, to sing, to act for Christ in everything."

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## **CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US**

#### COMMISSIONING

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#### BENEDICTION

## SUNG RESPONSE: VU # 420 "Go to the World" Verse 4

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for I am with you 'til the age shall end, when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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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 JULY 28, 2024**

# **NEW**

**MEWASSIN:** Reminder: Services resume next Sunday, August 4 at 9 am.

<u>COMMUNITY NEWS: AHS MAMMOGRAPHY CLINIC:</u> Mobile Mammography Screening is coming to the Westview Health Centre in Stony Plain **August 22 to 27**. Appointments are required – please call to book: 1-800-667-0604 (toll free). This is a free service recommended for women over 40. There is more information on the table outside the sanctuary.

## **REMINDERS**

<u>CHURCH OFFICE:</u> Sue will be taking some vacation days this month: <u>Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday July 31.</u> There likely won't be anyone in the office on those days, but you can leave a phone message or send an email. If you need to reach Rev. Deborah, please call her at 780 983-2148 (or send her an email).

## MEWASSIN CAMPING WEEKEND FRI. AUG 30 TO MON. SEPT 2 (YES, THE LONG

<u>WEEKEND!):</u> 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 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 <a href="mailto:stonyuc@telus.net">stonyuc@telus.net</a>.

## **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Ukuleles & Choir On Summer Break until September

Card Recreators: Thursdays, 10 am

## **MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sun Aug 4 Regular church services resume at Mewassin – 9 am 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