

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
UCW WORSHIP SERVICE FOR THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
“HERE I AM”
April 27, 2025**

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prepared by the National UCW for our 100th Anniversary Year.*

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

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*Thanks to the Men's Club for the
delicious breakfast this morning!*

*Thank-you to all our Presiders at Devon, Mewassin
and Stony Plain this morning.
We also thank our UCW President
for adapting this service for our use.*

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

INTROIT MV #7 'Gather Us In' x2

Gather us in, ground us in you. Gather us in, ground us in you.

Gather us in, gather us in, Ground us, ground us in you.

REPEAT

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CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

One: Creator God, You call.

ALL: We come as others came before us.

One: You call your people to do your work.

ALL: We come to listen to your call.

One: As our ancestors listened to your call to action one hundred years ago.

ALL: Here we are.

GATHERING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

Creator God, we come in search of unity with others and with you. We have not always listened. We have not always heard. We come in gratitude to you for walking with us on our journey. Be with us now as you have with those who have gone before. Be near us as we strive to listen to each other and walk together as one United Church. We welcome all to celebrate God's presence in their lives. Let us join to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. Amen.

OPENING HYMN VU #395 'Come In, Come In and Sit Down'**REFRAIN:**

Come in, come in and sit down, you are a part of the family.

We are lost and we are found, and we are a part of the family.

Verse 1: You know the reason why you came, yet no reason can explain;
so share in the laughter and cry in the pain, for we are a part of the family.

REFRAIN

Verse 2: God is with us in this place, like a mother's warm embrace.

We're all forgiven by God's grace, for we are a part of the family.

REFRAIN

Verse 3: There's life to be shared in the bread and the wine;

we are the branches, Christ is the vine.

This is God's temple, it's not yours or mine, but we are a part of the family.

REFRAIN

Verse 4: There's rest for the weary and health for us all;

there's a yoke that is easy, and a burden that's small.

So come in and worship and answer the call, for we are a part of the family.

REFRAIN

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:**SHARING THE PEACE**

...and also with you.

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 "Standing on Holy Ground"

Words and Music by Judy Pearson Hafso and Marc A. Hafso; Choral Arrangement by M. A. Hafso

THEME TIME**HYMN: MV #156 "Dance With the Spirit"****Verse 1**

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', **walk** with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Verse 2

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', **move** with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Verse 3

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', **sing** with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

Verse 4

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin', **pray** with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life abornin', listen to the Spirit to show you the way.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (VU #502)**SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

1 Samuel 3: 1–19 Samuel's Calling and Prophetic Activity

Matthew 10: 5–15 Bold Discipleship

REFLECTION "Here We Are!" Adapted from NUCW reflection by our UCW President

HYMN: VU #509 'I, The Lord Of Sea & Sky'**Verse 1**

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

**REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.**

Verse 2: I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them; they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

Verse 3: I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

MISSION AND SERVICE MESSAGE

INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERING HYMN MV #191 'What Can I Do'

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

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OFFERING PRAYER (in unison)

**Loving God, You, have given us so much, have called us to use
our time and talents and treasures, united in Your service. Receive
our gifts as an expression of our love for You, and of our loyalty and
devotion to Jesus Christ. May they be used for the total mission of
the United Church responding to Your call to build a new and better
world for tomorrow.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (VU #909, adapted)

.WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN: VU #332 'The Church's One Foundation'

Verse 1:

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word;
from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Verse 2:

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Verse 3 'Mid toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace for evermore,
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Verse 4: Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US.**COMMISSIONING****CLOSING PRAYER (in unison)**

**And now, go with us, God, into the days ahead.
Strengthen us for peace. Give us wisdom, keep us humble,
And may we live and work together, and so striving,
Build a new and better world for tomorrow. Amen**

SENDING HYMN: VU #964 'Go Now in Peace'

Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go

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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 APRIL 27, 2025

HELP WITH MAY 9 CATERING SERVICES EVENT: Our next event is a Spring Dinner (Ham/Scalloped Potatoes) May 9 for the Stony Plain Senior's Centre, to be served at their facility. If you can help, please put your name on the sign-up sheets in the atrium. Every volunteer who helps make these events happen is very much appreciated. Thank you very much.

BROADVIEW RENEWAL AND SUBSCRIPTIONS. It is time for new and renewed subscriptions. The group rate is \$30 per year, taxes included. Please give your cash, or cheque made out to Stony Plain United Church, with Broadview in the memo line, to the Church Office by May 23. Thank you.

UCW MEETING WED. MAY 7 at 1:30 PM. We will begin in the sanctuary for a slide presentation by Susan Oleskiw about her experience working in a United Church Mission Hospital 59 years ago. Everyone interested is welcome.

WED MAY 7, 7:15 PM CARE HOME SERVICE: Everyone is invited to join us at Whispering Waters at 7:15 for the monthly Communion Service. The Choir will go there first, then come back to the church for the rest of our practice.

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: Wednesdays: Ukuleles 6:15 pm; Choir 7:00 pm
Card Recreators: Thursdays, 10 am

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed. May 7	1:30 pm UCW Meeting
Wed. May 7	7:15 pm Whispering Waters Service
Fri. May 9	All day – prep for Catering Services event