

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH  
MEWASSIN UNITED CHURCH  
13 JUNE, 2021  
3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

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WELCOME to our service this morning!**

*We are very pleased that In-Person worship is once again permitted and we welcome those of you who came to church today!*

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

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE: MV #16 'Come and Fill our Hearts' (sung twice)**

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia! **(Repeat)**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)**

We are, each of us, travellers on a journey.

**We are travellers joined together on a journey of faith.**

We experience with hope, the unknown that stretches out before us...

**Because we do not travel alone. We are part of a community of caring, and we have a God who leads us.**

**As we gather to worship, let us sing praise and thanksgiving to the God who calls us to step out in faith.**

**PRAYER OF APPROACH: (unison)**

**Today is a new day, ever-present God. As we travel this journey of faith, give us courage to face the unexpected and challenging. Inspire us with hope, renewed by your love. Fill us with excitement and eagerness and strength to journey in the direction you would have us go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: VU # 333 'Love Divine, All Loves Excelling'**

**Verse 1:** Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

**Verse 2:** Come, almighty to deliver; let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

**Verse 3:** Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee,  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE: (responsive)**

And so may the light of Christ be in you.  
...And also in you.

**BRINGING ALL OF WHO WE ARE**

**PRAYER FOR GRACE (unison)**

**Forgiving God, we are aware that sometimes we become tired of admitting we have strayed from your way. We become impatient with your words of compassion, and your call to community. Sometimes we choose to be selfish, or unkind, or we turn a blind eye to those in need. Help us understand oh God, that we do not have a lack of love within, but a lack of will to share it. And lead us once again to a fresh sense of purpose as we receive your grace. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)**

Before we even speak, God hears us. Before we are aware of our need for forgiveness, God has forgiven us. When we are open to receiving this grace, we need not be afraid to claim our mistakes, for God loves us just the way we are.

**Thanks be to God, we can be open and honest and seek forgiveness without fear. Amen.**

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**AND HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES**

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC (SP):** 'Plant a Radish' Terry Blois

Words by Tom Jones; Music by Harvey Schmidt

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE**

**Mark 4: 26-34** 'Parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed'

**1 Samuel 15: 34-16:13** 'David is anointed King'

## REFLECTION

### HERITAGE HYMN: VU # 264 'Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise'

**Verse 1:** Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

**Verse 2:** Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

**Verse 3:** To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life, thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

**Verse 4:** Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light; thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render, O help us to see 'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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## SO WE MIGHT RESPOND WITH INTENTION

### MINUTE FOR MISSION

### DEDICATION OF GIFTS

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## AND LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### HYMN: MV #144 'Like a Healing Stream'

**Verse 1:** Like a healing stream in a barren desert, Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth, God is  
trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,  
promising revival and rebirth ... like a healing stream

**Verse 2:** Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden, Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,  
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,  
yearning for an end to want and need ... like a gentle rain.

**Verse 3:** Like a river strong with a restless current, Spirit water rushing on to distant shore, God is  
carving out a channel in a new direction,  
calling for an end to hate and war ... like a river strong.

**Verse 4:** Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,  
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow:  
God will always challenge and provide! Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,  
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.

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## BRINGING CHRIST'S LIGHT WITH US

### **BLESSING AND BENEDICTION: (responsive)**

And now may the compassion of God hold you strongly

The acceptance of God keep you secure.

The liveliness of God get you going.

And the love of God never let you go!

**We go knowing that we will be held by a loving God. Amen**

**POSTLUDE SP** – Jubilant Singers 'Parting Prayer' Words & Music by Louis Harris

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## *Announcements June 13, 2021*

**PHOTO CONTEST:** We had a great response to our photo contest for May, in spite of the short entry period. The results are posted separately on this website.

Congratulations to all our winners, and a big "Thank-You!" to our Secret Jury.

Entries for June close June 30. Send your photos to [photos@stonyplainunitedchurch.com](mailto:photos@stonyplainunitedchurch.com). Please be sure to include your name, email, year the photo was taken, location and your JPG photo. If you have any questions, please call Jon Blois or the Office 780-963-4745.

**FATHER'S DAY CARDS:** Although the group has been unable to meet, the Card Recreators have been busy, and now have Father's Day cards at the church (along with those for other occasions). The selection includes cards not only for Dads, but for Granddads and Husbands. Only \$1.00!