

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH & MEWASSIN UNITED CHURCH

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WE GATHER BEFORE GOD

On traditional territory of treaty Six peoples and of the Metis Nation

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TOGETHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE: MV #7 'Gather Us In' (sung twice)

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)

Feel God's presence.

Surrounding us with love.

Hear God's call.

Beckoning us to come near.

Know that God's heart,

Is joining with our hearts, beating within us.

Experience God's Grace.

As we come to worship.

OPENING PRAYER: (unison)

Loving God, we ask you to take us by the hand and bring us near to you: in all the places we worship with you this day. Help us to know that the well-springs of life will not run dry no matter what comes to us, and that we continue to be connected through your Spirit. May we, restless beings that we are, will find our rest in you, filling us with peace. Amen

HYMN: VU# 567

'Will You Come and Follow Me'

V1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

V2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

V3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen, and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

V4. Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world around, through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

V5. Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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)

O God whose Word feeds us and leads us and give us life: Why is it you call and we ignore you? Why is it you call and we are confused as to your meaning? Why is it you call and we hear, but choose another way? You call us again and again because you are faithful and yearn for us to be faithful too. You call again and again because you want us to truly know how we are a part of your dreams. We long to hear your voice and this time, may we answer.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)

The light of God's love shines down on us. The light of God's love spreads all around us. The light of God's love gathers us to God's very self and whispers, I love you, you are forgiven. Thanks be to God. **Thanks be to God.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

AND LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

THE GIFT OF MUSIC: Jubilant Singers

READING FROM SCRIPTURE: (read by Sharon McRann)

John 1:43-51 'Jesus calls Philip and Nathanael'

1 Samuel 3:1-10,19 'God calls Samuel'

REFLECTION

HYMN: VU #589 (Heritage Hymn) 'Lord, Speak to Me'

V1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in living echoes of your tone; as you have sought, so let me seek your straying children lost and lone.

V2. O lead me, so that I may lead the wandering and the wavering feet; O feed me, so that I may feed your hungering ones with manna sweet.

V3 O teach me, so that I may teach the precious truths which you impart; and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.

V4. O fill me with your fullness Lord, until my very heart o'er flows in kindling thought and glowing word, your love to tell, your praise to show.

SO WE MIGHT RESPOND WITH INTENTION

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

AND LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

HYMN: MV #209 ‘Go, Make a Diff’rence’

Refrain: Go make a diff’rence. We can make a diff’rence. Go make a diff’rence in the world.
Go make a diff’rence, we can make a diff’rence. Go make a diff’rence in the world.

V1 We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.

Refrain

V2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need, the face of God for all to see. We
are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace. God make a difference in the world.

Refrain

V3 So let your love shine on, let it shine for al to see. Go make a diff’rence in the world. And
the spirit of Christ will be with us as we go. Go make a diff’rence in the world.

Refrain

BLESSING AND BENEDICTION: (responsive)

And now as we go from this time, find us O God: find us when we struggle to be faithful, find us
as we strive to create community, find us as continue to learn you ways. Find us when we are
downhearted, find us when we are full of joy. **Find us O God and never let us go.**

Sung Amen: Vu # 974

Amen, Amen! Hallelujah, amen! (sung twice)

POSTLUDE