

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH  
MEWASSIN UNITED CHURCH  
22 MAY, 2022  
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

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**WELCOME to our service this morning!**

**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 # 146 'The Kingdom of God' (sung twice)**  
The kingdom of God is justice and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.  
Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom. **REPEAT**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP: (responsive)**

We who gather here, come as we are, and as we long to be: questioning, wondering, hoping, visioning. We who gather here, know that God accepts us as we are, and as we long to be: learning, uncertain, seeking.

**Let us quiet our minds and still our hearts so that in this place, we may find what we long for and receive God's acceptance. Let us worship now.**

**OPENING PRAYER: (unison)**

**Oh God, you come to us in moments of prayer, moments of song, moments of stillness. You come to us to guide us into moments of grace, moments of compassion, moments of peace. We ask you to be with us as we worship, and help us recognize your presence in all our moments. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN: VU # 244 'Sing Your Praise to God Eternal'**

**Verse 1:** Sing your praise to God eternal, sing your praise to God the Son, sing your praise to God the Spirit, living and forever One.

God has made us, God has blessed us, God has called us to be true.

God rules over all creation, daily making all things new.

**Verse 2:** Join the praise of every creature, sing with singing birds at dawn; when the stars shine forth at nightfall, hear their heavenly antiphon. Praise God for the light of summer, autumn glories, winter snows, for the coming of the springtime and the life of all that grows.

**Verse 3:** Praise God on our days of gladness for the summons to rejoice;  
praise God in our times of sadness for the calm, consoling voice.  
God our Maker, strong and loving, Christ our Saviour, Leader, Lord,  
living God, Creator Spirit, be your holy name adored!

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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)**

We confess Loving God, that we are people of the moment, of the “what’s next.”  
We fail to pause and reflect on the ways we have encountered you, so eager are we  
to see what you may do next. We confess that many times we are only interested in  
the thrills our faith can provide, stories of great deeds and miraculous events. And  
yet, those deeds and events pale in comparison to the ways that you are always with  
us, surrounding us and lifting us up. May we be open to those moments, that we  
may grow in our faith in your love. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON: (responsive)**

Let us be assured that God welcomes our words of confession, and does not hesitate to  
forgive us.

Thanks be to the God who will always make room for all who turn to God. Amen.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**AND LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD FOR OUR LIVES**

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC:** Jubilant Singers ‘Let Me Be Open’

Words by Sheelah Megill; Music by Ron Klusmeier

**READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE:**

John 14: 23-29

‘The Holy Spirit Will Come’

Revelation 21: 10; 22, and Chapter 22: 1 - 5 ‘John’s vision of the city of God’

**REFLECTION**

**GIFT OF MUSIC:** Terry Blois ‘The Holy City’ by Stephen Adams

**HERITAGE HYMN: VU # 343 'I Love to Tell the Story'**

**Verse 1:** I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
of Jesus and his glory, of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
it satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

**Refrain:** I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
to tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.

**Verse 2:** I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

**Refrain**

**Verse 3:** I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.

And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

**Refrain**

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**THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION: (unison)**

Gracious God, we return to you a portion of your gifts to us, knowing that all your blessings are for the good of one another. May these gifts be signs of your work in the world you love. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**AND LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

**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 CHRIST'S LIGHT WITH US

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

As we go from this time of worship, may the words we have sung and spoken lead us to acts of justice.

**As we go from this time of worship, may we continue to seek and find the peace and love promised to us by God through Christ.**

### **MEW: THREE FOLD AMEN**

**SP: POSTLUDE** Jubilant Singers 'Come, We That Love' (VU 714 Vs. 1 & 4)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS MAY 22, 2022

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE:** There will be a Worship Committee meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 11:00 am. Please contact Terry Blois for details.

**UCW MEETING 11:30 AM WED. JUNE 1 "PICNIC IN THE PARK":** For our last meeting before a summer break, meet at Rotary Park at 11:30 am on Wed. June 1. Bring your chair, your own lunch and beverage. In case of inclement weather, we will meet at the church. See you all there!

**TOMATO PLANT DELIVERY: Stony Plain:** Pick up at Stony Plain UC **Saturday, May 28 at 7 pm.** If you can't manage that, you can pick them Sunday morning after the service.

**Mewassin:** Your plants will be at the Mewassin church **Sunday morning, May 29.**

If you have not already paid, please bring cash or a cheque payable to Mewassin United Church Sunday School when you pick up your plants. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 780 963-4745 or email [stonyuc@telus.net](mailto:stonyuc@telus.net)

**OFFICIAL BOARD HIGHLIGHTS:** There are copies of Highlights from the May 2, 2022 Official Board Meeting on the table in the Narthex. Please help yourself!

### **ROBERTSON-WESLEY U. C. HANDBELL CONCERT THURSDAY, MAY 26, 7:30:**

The two Handbell Choirs are holding a concert on Thursday, May 26 at 7:30 pm at Robertson-Wesley United Church, 10209 123 Street, Edmonton. This will include a guest performance by Emmy Ozakawa-Bortolin, solo bell ringer. Free will offering, proceeds to the R-W Music Society. Reception to follow.

### **IN CASE YOU MISSED THESE**

**MAY 29 DEADLINE FOR BROADVIEW:** The group subscription rate is **\$25.00** per year. **Please pay for your subscription by May 29, 2022.** You may pay at the Church Office or mail your cheque.