

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH  
JUNE 14, 2026  
NATIONAL INDIGENOUS DAY OF PRAYER**

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**WELCOME to our service this morning!**

***Celebrating National Indigenous History Month***  
**INDIGENOUS ORIGINS**

**Blindman River:** widely believed to be named after a Cree hunting party who suffered from temporary "snow blindness" while traveling, forcing them to camp along its banks. The Cree referred to the river as Paskapiw (meaning "he is blind"), which also influenced the name of the nearby Paskapoo rock formation underlying much of southwestern Alberta.

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

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**GATHERING HYMN: VU 308 "Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works"**

**Verse 1:**

Many and great, O God, are your works, Maker of earth and sky.  
Your hands have set the heavens with stars,  
your fingers spread the mountains and plains.  
Lo, at your word the waters were formed; deep seas obey your voice.

**Verse 2:** Grant unto us communion with you, O star-abiding one.  
Come unto us and dwell with us, with you are found the gifts of life.  
Bless us with life that has no end, eternal life with you.

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**GATHERING PRAYER**

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**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

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## CONCERNS AND JOYS

### PRAYERS OF CONCERNS AND JOYS

#### 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.

#### GIFT OF MUSIC: Choir Anthem: "Go Out and Serve Him"

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig      Music: Don Besig

### THEME TIME

#### HYMN: VU #291 "All Things Bright and Beautiful" (Refrain, all 5 verses, Refrain)

##### REFRAIN:

**All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
 all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.**

##### Verse 1

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
 God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings.

**Verse 2:** The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
 the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky;

**Verse 3:** The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
 the ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one.

**Verse 4:** The rocky mountain splendour, the lone wolf's haunting call,  
 the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall;

**Verse 5:** God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
 how great is God our maker, who has made all things well.

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
 all things wise and wonderful: in love, God made them all.**

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## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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**RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS            Psalm 116 VU #836**

**REFRAIN: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

I love you, God, because you heard my voice when I made supplication,  
**Because you turned your ear to me, when I called upon your name.**  
 The cords of death entangled me, and the pangs of the grave laid hold on me;  
**I suffered distress and anguish.**  
 Then I called upon the name of God  
**“O God, I pray, save my life.”**

**REFRAIN: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

How can I repay you, God, for all the good things you have done for me?  
**I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of God,**  
**I will pay my vows in the presence of all God’s people.**

**REFRAIN: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

Precious in the sight of God is the death of the saints.  
**O God, I am your servant;**  
 I am your servant, the child of your maidservant.  
**You have freed me from my bonds.**  
 I will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
**And will call upon the name of God.**  
 I will pay my vows to God in the presence of all God’s people,  
**In the courts of the house of God, in your midst, O Jerusalem.**

**REFRAIN: How can I repay you, God, for all the goodness you show to me?**

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**THE GOSPEL LESSON**

**Matthew 9:35-10:1; 10:5-8**

**REFLECTION: “Building Bridges with Respect and Love”            by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra**

**HYMN: VU #651            “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”**

**Verse 1**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
 I am weak, but thou art mighty, hold me with thy powerful hand.  
 Bread of Heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more, feed me till I want no more.

**Verse 2:** Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
 Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield.  
 Be thou still my strength and shield.

**Verse 3:** When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
 Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side:  
 Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee I will ever give to thee.

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## THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

### INVITATION TO GIVE

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### OFFERTORY: Doxology (Tune VU #541)

**Praise God, who made all people one,  
 whose healing work is never done,  
 who calls us steadfast to abide  
 in mercy at each other's side.**

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### DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*Responsive*)

Gracious Creator, source of all blessings and gifts, we come before you with gratitude for the abundance you have bestowed upon us. As we gather on this Indigenous Day of Prayer, we dedicate our lives, our gifts, and our resources to the ongoing work of healing, reconciliation, and unity.

**As we dedicate these offerings, Great Spirit, we also dedicate our hearts and minds to the journey of reconciliation. Empower us to be instruments of your peace, your love, and your justice, as we work together to build a more inclusive, equitable, and compassionate world. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.**

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## SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Responsive*)

God the Creator is here.

**God's Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to God the Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to offer our thanks and praise.**

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our .....

.....With hearts lifted, we join with the angels, the saints, and all our ancestors as we say:

**Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord, God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

O Great Spirit, our Creator from whom all holiness comes, we come before you again today.....

After feasting with his companions, Jesus took the bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to all of them and said: "This is my body which is given for you. Take, eat, and remember me."

After the supper, Jesus did the same with the cup, saying:

"This is a symbol of the new covenant. Drink in remembrance of me."

In remembering the life of Jesus, we remember what he showed us:

**The love of God is open to all.**

**The love of God is purposeful.**

**The love of God is unequivocal.**

And so we pray, pour out your Spirit on this bread and this cup, O God. Through these gifts, open our hearts to encounters with Christ in the strange and the ordinary. May the bread of life and the cup of blessing strengthen us in our courage to live as Jesus lived.

**Amen.**

**HYMN: VU #466 (seated) "Eat This Bread"**

Eat this bread, drink this cup,

Come to me and never be hungry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

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**DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP** SP Hymns during distribution: TLUS #23 "For Everyone Born" (vs 1-4); VU 457 "As We Gather at Your Table"; VU 477 "I Come with Joy"

**TLUS #23 "For Everyone Born" Vs 1-4 (we don't have enough books so here are the words)**

**Verse 1:**

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

**REFRAIN: And God will delight when we are creators of justice  
and joy, compassion and peace:**

**Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and Joy!**

**Verse 2:** For all who share life, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, for all who share life, a system that's fair,

**REFRAIN**

**Verse 3:** For those we neglect, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for those we neglect, the right to belong,

**REFRAIN**

**Verse 4:** For all who have breath, a place at the table, a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour, for all who have breath, the chalice of grace,

**REFRAIN**

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

**Loving and Nourishing One,**

**your gifts renew us in body, spirit, and mind.**

Through this taste of love,  
 may the Spirit send us with a faith that is brave.  
 Let no institution or narrow thinking hold us back;  
 make us people who boldly pursue collective justice  
 and tend gently to the world's pain. Amen.

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

**SENDING HYMN: VU #639 "One More Step Along the World I Go"**

### **Verse 1**

One more step along the world I go, one more step along the world I go,  
 from the old things to the new, keep me travelling along with you:

**REFRAIN: And it's from the old I travel to the new; keep me travelling along with you.**

**Verse 2:** Round the corner of the world I turn, more and more about the world I learn;  
 all the new things that I see you'll be looking at along with me:

### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 3:** As I travel through the bad and good, keep me travelling the way I should;  
 where I see no way to go you'll be telling me the way, I know:

### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 4:** Give me courage when the world is rough, keep me loving though the world is tough,  
 leap and sing in all I do, keep me travelling along with you:

### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 5:** You are older than the world can be, you are younger than the life in me,  
 ever old and ever new, keep me travelling along with you:

### **REFRAIN**

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## **CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US**

### **COMMISSIONING**

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### **BENEDICTION**

**SUNG RESPONSE: VU #454 "May God Who Creates You"**

**May God who creates you, give you light;**  
**may God who sustains you, make you wise;**  
**may God who protects you, give you joy;**  
**may God who surrounds you, give you peace.**

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### **MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

**YOUR OFFERING:** Monetary gifts (cash or cheque) may be placed in one of the boxes next to the doors in the sanctuary; dropped off at the church during office hours; mailed to Stony Plain United Church, Box 3196, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1Y4; set up through PAR (pre-authorized remittance); or, by e-transfer to [stewards@stonyplainunitedchurch.com](mailto:stewards@stonyplainunitedchurch.com)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 14, 2026

### NEW

**UKULELES:** Regular Wednesday practices are over until September; however there may be some practices in August to prepare for the SP Paper Bag Communion August 23.

### REMINDERS

**CHOIR:** There will be no Choir until Wed. Sept. 2 or 9. Anyone who would like to do "Special Music" during the summer is encouraged to contact the office. Thanks to all who have participated in our Music Ministry this year!

**MEWASSIN SUNDAY JUNE 21:** *There will be no service at Mewassin Sun. June 21.* You can attend the Picnic Service in Devon or the service in Stony Plain.

**MEWASSIN SUMMER BREAK:** There will be no services at Mewassin from **July 5 to August 2**, inclusive. Regular services resume Sun. August 9.

**NATIONAL INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH:** An information board, featuring Local Placenames with their Indigenous origins, will be displayed in the Narthex throughout the month of June to celebrate National Indigenous History Month. Every Sunday over the next few weeks there will be one or two Alberta placenames with their meanings and/or related stories included in the bulletin. Special thanks to St. Andrew's United Church for creating the info board and giving it to our church!

**TUESDAY JUNE 16 SP COUNCIL MEETING:** The Stony Plain Council will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at 7:00 pm in the Board Room or on Zoom.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 21 DEVON PICNIC AND SERVICE:** Our congregations are invited to join Devon United Church for their Sunday service in the Park on June 21! The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. with games and then picnic lunch to follow. A reminder to bring lawn chairs is on the invitation. We have lots of kites for the children to decorate and fly after the service, and the parachute games were a hit last year, so that is on the games agenda again 😊 Potluck items are welcome if people wish: salads or dessert/fruit or finger foods. There is a sign-up sheet available – please add your name if you'd like to attend. 10:30 am service at Stony Plain; no service at Mewassin.

**PASSING ON YOUR CONCERNS:** If you know of anyone who would like a visit or needs a card, please contact the Care Committee, Rev. Deborah or call the Church Office (780 963-4745) or email [stonyuc@telus.net](mailto:stonyuc@telus.net).

**REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:**

Sun. June 14, 2026	<u>Communion</u> Rev. Deborah in person at MEW and SP
Sun. June 21, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC for their picnic service. Mew & SP are invited. NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN. Reg. 10:30 am service at SP.
Sun. June 28, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at MEW and SP
Sun. July 5, 2026	Rev. Deborah on Vacation. NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN
Sun. July 12, 2026	Rev. Deborah on Vacation NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

**Ukuleles & Choir:** Ukes schedule - you will be contacted if there are practices before Sept.  
Choir resumes Sept 2 or 9.

**Card Recreators:** Thursdays, 10 am

**MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

Tues. June 16 SP 7 pm Council Meeting  
Sun. June 21 Devon Picnic and Service – SP and MEW are invited!  
NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN

July 5 to Aug 2 inclusive – No Services at Mewassin (Summer Break)

Sat. Aug. 15 Mew. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service