

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
JUNE 21, 2026**

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

*Thank-you to Linda Bridges, L.L.W.L., for preparing and presenting
this service at Stony Plain for those not attending the joint picnic
service at Devon with Rev. Deborah*

Celebrating National Indigenous History Month
INDIGENOUS ORIGINS

June 21- Wabamun: Cree for "mirror" and Mewassin: Cree for "good"

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (Unison):

As we gather here today, we acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 Territory and the homeland of the Metis. We pay our respect to the First Nations and Metis ancestors of this place and affirm our relationship with one another.

WE GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE GOD

on traditional territory of Treaty Six Peoples and of the Métis Nation

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

God has given us this beautiful earth, all that grows, all that lives upon it.

Thanks be to God.

God has given us breath to live and spirit to sing.

Thanks be to God.

God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

Thanks be to God.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (Responsive)

I will light a light in the name of God, who lit the world and breathed the breath of life into me.

I will light a light in the name of the Son, who saved the world and stretched out his hand to me.

I will light a light in the name of the Spirit, who encompasses the world and blesses my soul with yearning.

We will light three lights for the trinity of love:

God above us, God beside us, God between us:

the beginning, the end, the everlasting one.

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GATHERING HYMN: MV #8 “And On This Path”**Verse 1**

And on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
 and on this path, the gates of holiness are open wide,
 and on this path the gates of holiness are open wide!
 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

Verse 2

So enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
 so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide,
 so enter in the gates of holiness are open wide!
 Open wide! Open wide! Open wide! The gates are open wide!

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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: “On My Meditation Walk” Linda Bridges**THEME TIME****HYMN: “Give Me Oil In My Lamp” Songs for A Gospel People, p. 130****Verse 1:**

Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, give me oil in my lamp, I pray;
 Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning, keep me burning till the break of day.

**REFRAIN: Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah to the Servant King.
 Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah let us sing!**

Verse 2:

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, give me joy in my heart, I pray;
 Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, keep me praising till the break of day.

REFRAIN

**Verse 3: Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, give me peace in my heart, I pray.
 Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving, keep me loving till the break of day.**

**REFRAIN: Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah to the Servant King.
 Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah! Sing hosannah let us sing!**

Verse 4: Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, give me love in my heart, I pray
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving, keep me serving till the break of day.

REFRAIN:

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LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES
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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION: (Unison)

Good News!! Good News for my people! Those who wish to hear must open their ears to hear what is happening in the hearts of a people who have begun to awaken. Those who wish to see must open their eyes to see what is happening in the hearts of a people who have begun to walk together.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 86 VU #803

REFRAIN:

In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

Turn your ear to me, O God, and answer me, for I am poor and in misery.

Preserve my life for I am faithful; save your servant for I trust in you.

Be merciful to me, my lord, for I call to you all day long.

Gladden the heart of your servant, for to you I lift up my soul.

For you, my lord, are good and forgiving,
and great in mercy to all who call on you.

Give heed, O God, to my prayer, and listen to my cry of supplication.

REFRAIN: In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, my lord,
nor can the deeds of any be compared to yours.

All the nations you have made shall come and bow before you.

They shall glorify your name, my lord,

For you are great and do marvellous things; you alone are God.

REFRAIN: In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

Turn to me then, and have mercy; give your strength to your servant.

Save your handmaiden's child; give me a sign of your favour!

Then those who hate me will see and be ashamed,

for you, God, have helped and comforted me.

REFRAIN: In the day of my trouble I call unto you for you will answer me.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 10: 24-39

REFLECTION: by Linda Bridges

HYMN: "Count Your Blessings"

Verse 1

When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

REFRAIN:

**Count your blessings, name them one by one; count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one, count your many blessings, see what God hath done.**

Verse 2

Are you ever burdened with a load of care? Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly, and you will be singing as the days go by.

REFRAIN**Verse 3**

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money can not buy Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

REFRAIN**Verse 4**

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small, do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend, help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

REFRAIN

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION**INVITATION TO GIVE****OFFERTORY: Doxology (Tune VU #541)**

**Praise God, the Source of life and birth;
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth;
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame;
All glory, honour to God's name!**

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DEDICATION OF GIFTS (Unison)

O God, may our kindness be continually inspired by yours.

Receive our gifts now and inspire us to greater generosity, we pray. Amen.

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**SENDING HYMN: VU #884 "You Shall Go Out With Joy" (2x)**

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace,

The mountains and the hills will break forth before you;
there'll be shouts of joy, and all the trees of the field will clap, will clap their hands!

Refrain:

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, the trees of the field will clap their hands,
the trees of the field will clap their hands while you go out with joy.

REPEAT BOTH PARTS

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CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

FINAL GREETINGS AND BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #646 “We Are Marching” (3x - English, South African, English)

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb' ekukhanyen, kwenkhos', Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamb' ekukhanyen, kwenkhos', Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'.
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,)
Siyahamb', ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'. (khanyen'kwenkhos'.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,)
Siyahamb', ekukhanyen'kwenkhos'.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God.

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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. If you need more information, or an envelope number, please contact Lloyd Doige at 780 975-6021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS JUNE 21, 2026

NEW OR REVISED

MEWASSIN SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE: Here is Mewassin's worship service schedule for the summer: **June 21 – No Service (Devon Picnic); June 28 Regular Service; July 5 to Aug 2 inclusive: No Services (Summer Break); Aug 9 Regular Service; Sat. Aug 15: 100th Anniversary Service; Sun. Aug 16 No Service; Aug 23 Regular (Communion) Service; Aug 30 No Service (Camping Weekend)**

MEWASSIN CAMPING WEEKEND AUG 28 – 30: Camping weekend at Entwistle RV Campground is happening from Friday, Aug. 28 to Sunday Aug. 30. Everyone is welcome – either to come and camp for the weekend or come for a visit. There will be a service & pot-luck supper on Saturday. Watch for more information via e-mail as we get closer to the date. There is no service at Mewassin on August 30.

MEWASSIN BOTTLE DRIVE SAT. SEPT 26: The bottle drive is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, September 26/26. So, if you've got bottles, we hope you can save them until then. Sunday School appreciates our wonderful congregations support.

M & P ANNOUNCEMENT: We are looking for a new Church Administrator to fill this position. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested please contact Allan Scherlie for more information. Cell 780 984-5657 Home 780 892 3259

Employment Opportunity at Stony United Church Office Administrator:

[Click for Position Description.](#)

CANADA DAY CAR SHOW - JULY 1ST : Our Church, in conjunction with the Canada Day Car Show is again running our "SPUC Bistro Cafe" " serving Breakfast, Lunch and Concession - ice cream, drinks, etc. at various times from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Visitors and Volunteers are welcome. Contact Church office. (Lots of volunteers are needed!)

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS: Our Official Board met on Mon. June 8, and highlights of the meeting are available on the table outside the sanctuary.

TOWN OF STONY PLAIN SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS: There are copies of the Town's upcoming event schedule on the table outside the sanctuary, as well as on the bulletin board, along with posters for most events.

REMINDERS

SUNDAY, JUNE 21 DEVON PICNIC AND SERVICE: Our congregations are invited to join Devon United Church for their Sunday service in the Park this Sunday, June 21 at 10:a.m. See previous bulletins for details. 10:30 am service at Stony Plain; no service at Mewassin.

CHOIR: There will be no Choir or Ukulele practices 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!

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!

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.

REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sun. June 21, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC for their picnic service. Mew & SP are invited. NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN. 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
Sun. July 19, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC. 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

Sun. June 21 Devon Picnic and Service – SP and MEW are invited!
NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN

June 28 Regular services at both churches

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

Sat. Aug. 15 Mewassin 100th Anniversary Service

Sun. Aug 16 **NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN**

Fri. Aug 28 to Sun. Aug 30 Mewassin Camp out at Entwistle RV Campground

Sun. Aug. 30 **NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN**