


Welcome and Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress, stands on a hill against a sunset sky. The person is facing right. The sky transitions from a dark purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The person's regalia is dark and detailed, with many feathers on the headdress.

We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta.



Lighting the Christ Candle

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

*Voices United #374

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Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

(LV)

Call to Worship



L: As we gather here today, may the peace of Christ be upon this house of worship.

P: As we come together, may God's grace rest on us as we pray, sing and listen to the message.

L: May our time together ignite in us a desire to go out and share the peace and love of Christ with others.

P: Let us worship God, singing and praising God's wonderful love for all.

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Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty Verses 1,3,4

*Voices United #315

* VU # 315 Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty – Verses 1;
3-4: Public Domain

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
Early in the morning
our song shall rise to thee;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye made blind by sin
thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy;
there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea;
holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

(LV)

Gathering Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given. For life, both new and old. For love of family, of friend and stranger. For Christ alive in our hearts. We ask that you bless our gathering, that our words, our actions, and our love -our lives themselves – might be living reflections of your love. In Christ's name, we ask these things.

P: Amen.

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A glowing, white-line illustration of a storybook scene. The scene includes a smiling sun with rays, a rainbow, a hot air balloon, a house with a chimney, two stick figures holding hands, a large tree, mountains, and a car. The illustration is set against a dark background and appears to be emanating from an open book at the bottom of the frame.

Story Time for all ages

God of the Bible

*More Voices #28

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God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,
freedom or prison, you are our home.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
suffering with us, taking our part,
still you empower us, mothering Spirit,
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Those without status,
those who are nothing,
you have made royal, gifted with rights,
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
birthing new systems, lighting new lights.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Not by your finger, not by your anger
will our world order change in a day,
but by your people, fearless and faithful,
small paper lanterns, lighting the way.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

Hope we must carry, shining and certain
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,
bonding us gladly one to the other,
till our world changes facing the cross.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.

(LV)



Scripture

L: A Word of God that
is still speaking,
P: Thanks be to God.

Message



Come to My Heart Lord Jesus

*Voices United #661

*VU # 661 Come to My Heart Lord Jesus: Words, Music:
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Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
Answer my prayer today.

Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

(LV)

The Offering



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Sung Dedication

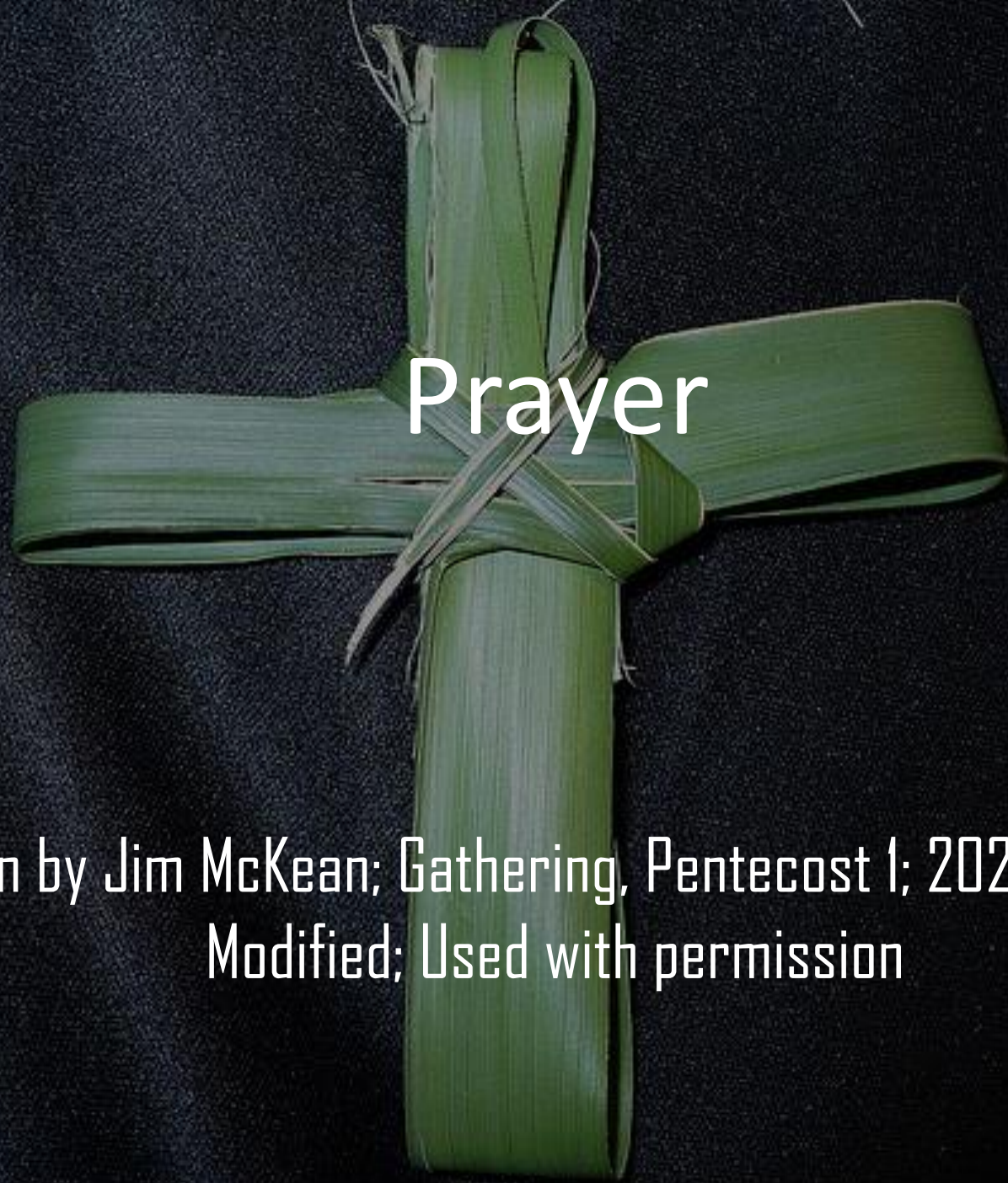
Grant Us, God, the Grace

**Voices United #540*

*VU #540 Grant Us God, The Grace – Public Domain

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

(LV)



Prayer

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Come Touch Our Hearts – Verses 1-2

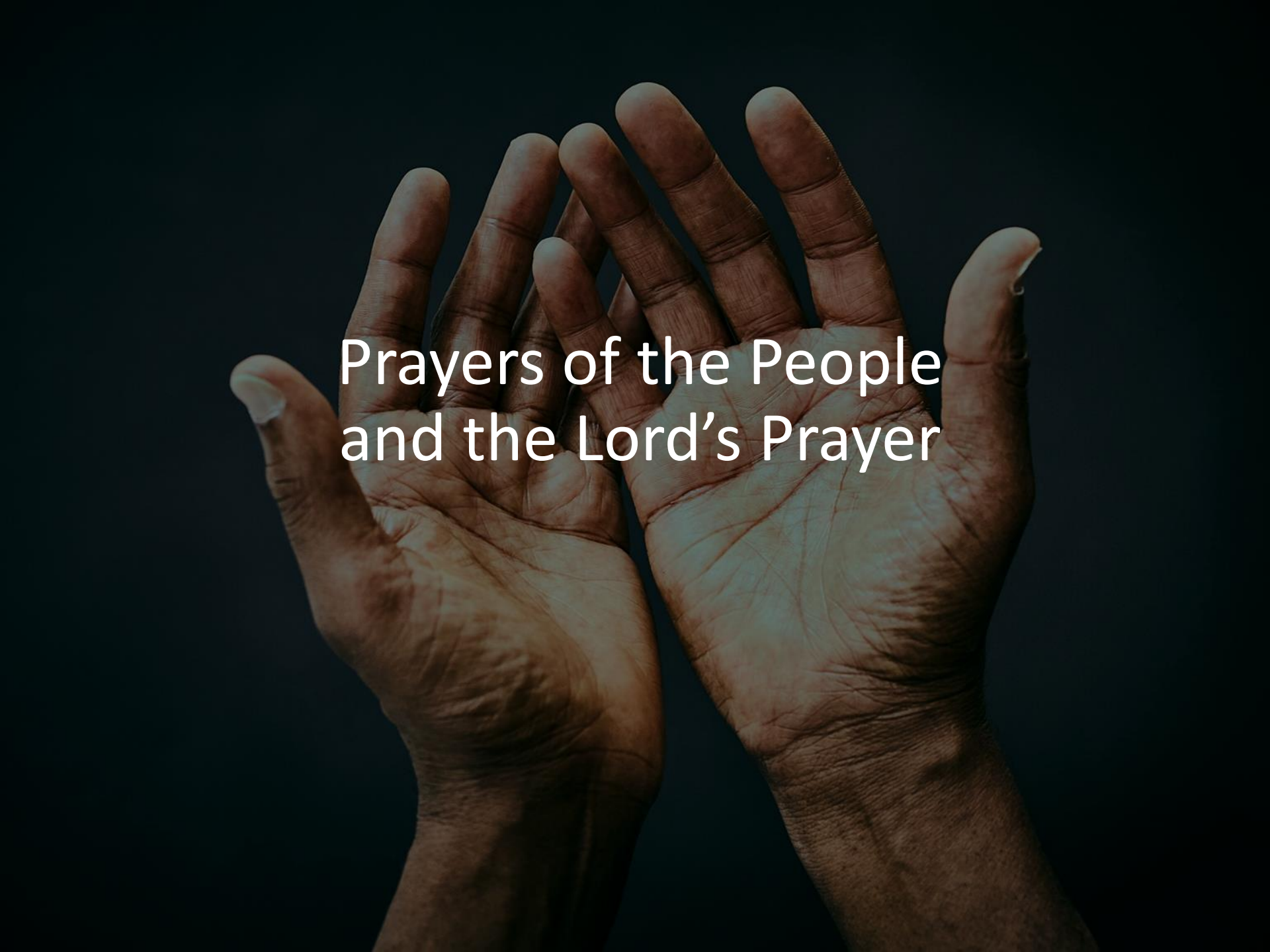
*More Voices #12

*MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts: Words, Music:
Gordon Light 2002. Arrangement: Andrew Donaldson.
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Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

(LV)

A close-up photograph of two hands held up in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hands are positioned palm-up, with fingers slightly spread. The skin is a warm, brownish tone, and the texture of the palms and fingers is clearly visible. The background is a solid, dark color, possibly black or very dark blue, which makes the hands stand out. The lighting is soft, highlighting the contours of the hands.

Prayers of the People
and the Lord's Prayer

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.



One More Step Along the World I Go

*Voices United #639

* VU # 639 One More Step Along the World I Go:
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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:
And it's from the old I travel to the new;
keep me travelling along with you.

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

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

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

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

(LV)

Commissioning and Blessing

P: We go to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Amen.

L: May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

The background of the slide features a soft, warm sunset sky with light clouds. In the lower right, the silhouettes of a man and a small child are visible, walking away from the viewer. The man is holding the child's hand, and they appear to be walking on a beach or a flat, open area. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

God, Take My Hand (Verses 1-2)

*Voices United #638

* VU #638 God, Take My Hand: Public Domain

God, take my hand
and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favour
I go astray;
so take my hand,
O Saviour, and lead the way.

God, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.

Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

(LV)



Sharing the Peace

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU

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And also with you!

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching white saucer. The background is a dark, textured surface, possibly wood. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image.

Please join us for Coffee
and Fellowship in the
Library after the service!