

Greeting & Welcome

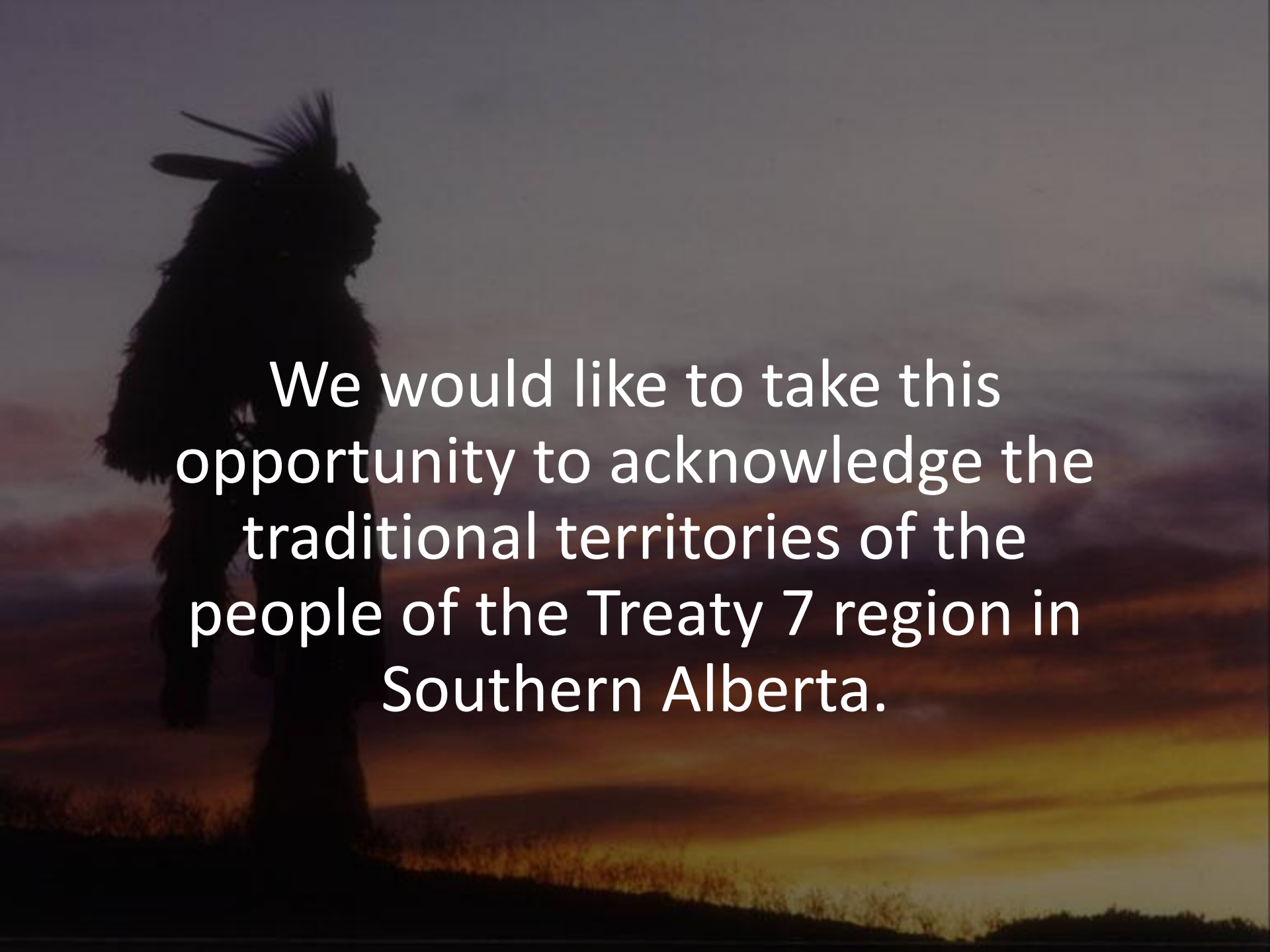
L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

P: and also, with you..

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

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.

A lit candle stands on the right side of the image, its flame glowing brightly. The candle is placed on an open book. The pages of the book are arranged in a star-like pattern, with several pages fanned out to form the points of the star. The overall scene is set against a dark background, with the light from the candle illuminating the pages and the surrounding area.

Lighting the Christ Candle

Written by Alwin Maben; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2022, Page 30;
Modified; Used with permission



Bless Now, O God, the Journey

*Voices United #633
Verses 1-2

*VU #633 Bless Now, O God, The Journey: Words: Sylvia Dunston
1989. 1991 G.I.A. Publication Inc. Music: MCPS Basil Harwood
Royalties c/o Christopher Harwood. Reprinted/Podcast with
permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.

The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.

Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.

(LV)

Call to Worship

L: We come to church today,

P: As faithful disciples, following Jesus.

L: We come to church today, carrying burdens,
whether visible or invisible,

P: Seeking comfort, seeking grace, seeking
community.

L: We come to church today, knowing that our hope lies in the merciful love of God, the salvation of Jesus Christ, and the mighty power of the Holy Spirit,

P: And so, we come, we connect, and we worship.

Written by Sandra Jenkinson; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2025, Page 30; Used with permission

Opening Prayer



Written by David Sparks; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2025, Page 31;
Used with permission

L: Lead us into the Season of Lent, O God;

P: Help us to reflect on the areas of our lives that call for change.

L: Go with us into the Season of Lent, O God'

P: Strengthen us, as we join our talents with the talents of our faith community.

L: Guide us as we begin the Season of Lent, O God.

P: Link us to the story of Jesus, that we may learn and find courage through his willingness to brave the toughest trials.

L: Challenge us as we encounter the significance of the Season of Lent, O God,

P: That we may confront and overcome the powers that oppress, weaken, and destroy. Amen.



Story Time for all ages

Called by Earth and Sky

*More Voices #135

* MV #135 Called By Earth and Sky: Words, Music: Pat Mayberry, 2005. Arrangement: Margaret Stubington 2005. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas,
deep oceans dream,
waters of healing, rivers of rain,
the wash of love again.

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit,
blow through this place,
our gathering and our grace.

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
vast fragile land.
Seeds of our wakening,
rooted and strong,
Creations faithful song.

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

Precious the fire that lights our way,
bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
our faith and justice one.

Called by earth and sky,
promise of hope held high.
This is our sacred living trust,
treasure of life sanctified,
called by earth and sky.

(LV)

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance



Written by Susan Girard; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2022,
Page 34; Used with permission

Nothing Can Trouble

*Voices United #290

*VU #290 Nothing Can Trouble: Words, Music: Taize Community.
G.I.A. Publication. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE
LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.
Those who seek God
shall never go wanting.

Nothing can trouble,
nothing can frighten.

God alone fills us.

(LV)

A close-up photograph of two hands held up in a prayerful gesture, palms facing each other. The hands are positioned centrally, with fingers slightly spread. The skin is a warm, brownish tone, and the intricate patterns of the palm lines are clearly visible. The background is a dark, almost black, gradient, which makes the hands stand out prominently. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the natural creases on the palms.

Prayer of Illumination

Feasting on the Word; Year C V 1 pg. 122; Used with permission

Reading the Scripture

Luke 4:1–13;
Psalm 91 *VU #807 with refrain

A parábola dos trabalhadores na vinha
20 Porque o reino dos céus é semelhante a um dono de casa que saiu de madrugada para assalarilar trabalhadores para a sua vinha, tendo ajustado com os trabalhadores a um determinado preço por dia. Mandou-os para a vinha, e à primeira hora, viu, na praça, outros que estavam ociosos e disse-lhes: 'Vão também para a vinha, e eu lhes darei o que for necessário.' E eles foram. Às seis e da tarde, voltou o dono da casa e encontrou outros ociosos na praça e perguntou-lhes: 'Tendo saído da mesma hora, não vou eu para a vinha, e não estades aqui desocupados e pagando-me o salário?' Eles responderam-lhe: 'Porque ninguém nos chamou.' Então, disse-lhe: 'Ide também vós para a vinha.' Às sete e da tarde, voltou o dono da casa e disse: 'Vou agora chamar os primeiros.' Então, chamou os primeiros e disse-lhes: 'Estes últimos trabalharam apenas uma hora, e eu lhes pago o mesmo que vós, que estades aqui desde o amanhecer, sem nada fazer.' Eles responderam-lhe: 'Não nos dá nada, senhor. Nós aceitamos o que nos pagaste.' Então, disse-lhe: 'Mas eu quero que também vós aceíeis o que eu pago. Não quero que ninguém se queixe.' Então, chamou outros e disse-lhes: 'Vão também para a vinha, e eu lhes darei o que for necessário.' E eles foram. Às dez e da tarde, voltou o dono da casa e disse: 'Vou agora chamar os primeiros.' Então, chamou os primeiros e disse-lhes: 'Estes últimos trabalharam apenas uma hora, e eu lhes pago o mesmo que vós, que estades aqui desde o amanhecer, sem nada fazer.' Eles responderam-lhe: 'Não nos dá nada, senhor. Nós aceitamos o que nos pagaste.' Então, disse-lhe: 'Mas eu quero que também vós aceíeis o que eu pago. Não quero que ninguém se queixe.'

A cura de dois cegos de Jericó
Mc 10,46-52; Lc 18,35-43
29 Saíndo eles de Jericó, uma grande multidão acompanhava.
30 E eis que dois cegos, assentados à beira do caminho, tendo ouvido que Jesus passava, começaram a gritar e a dizer: 'Senhor, Filho de Davi, tem compaixão de nós!'
31 Mas a multidão os repreendia para que não fizessem isso, porém, gritavam cada vez mais alto, dizendo: 'Senhor, Filho de Davi, tem misericórdia de nós!'
32 Então, parando Jesus, chamou-os e perguntou-lhes: 'Que quereis que eu vos faça?'

Jesus efetua curas
14 Vieram a ele, no tempo, alguns cegos, e ele curou-os.
15 Mas, vendo os principais sacerdotes e os escribas as maravilhas que Jesus fazia e os sinais que fazia, perguntaram-lhe: 'Óuves o que estes estão dizendo? Responde-lhes Jesus: Sim, nunca lestes. Da boca de pequeninos e crianças de peito nasce perfeito louvor?'
17 E, deixando-os, saiu da cidade para Betânia, onde pernoitou.

Refrain:

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

L: You who dwell in the shelter of your God,
who abide in God's shadow for life,

P: say to your God: 'My refuge, my rock
in whom I trust!'

L: The snare of the fowler will never capture
you, and famine will bring you no fear:

P: under God's wings your refuge, God's
faithfulness your shield.

Refrain:

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

L: You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day;

P: though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come.

L: For to the angels is given a command to guard you in all your ways;

P: upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Refrain:

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

L: 'Because they have set their love upon me I will deliver them,

P: I will uphold them because they know my name.

L: When they call to me I will answer,

P: I will be with them in trouble;

L: I will rescue and bring them to honour.

P: With long life I will satisfy them, and show them my saving power.'

Refrain:

'And I will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of my hand.'

Reading the Scripture

Romans 10:8b–13

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



Message



Jesus, Tempted in the Desert

**Voices United #115*

*VU #115 Jesus, Tempted in the Desert: Words: G.I.A. Publications. Music: Public Domain. Harmony: Augsburg Fortress. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Jesus, tempted in the desert,
lonely, hungry, filled with dread:
'Use your power,' the tempter tells him;
'turn these barren rocks to bread!'
'Not alone by bread,' he answers,
'can the human heart be filled.
Only by the Word that calls us
is our deepest hunger stilled!'

Jesus, tempted at the temple,
high above its ancient wall:
'Throw yourself from lofty turret;
angels wait to break your fall!'
Jesus shuns such empty marvels,
feats that fickle crowds request:
'God, whose grace protects, preserves us,
we must never vainly test.'

Jesus, tempted on the mountain
by the lure of vast domain:

'Fall before me! Be my servant!
Glory, fame, you're sure to gain!'

Jesus sees the dazzling vision,
turns his eyes another way:

'God alone deserves our homage!
God alone will I obey!'

When we face temptation's power,
lonely, struggling, filled with dread,
Christ, who knew the tempter's hour,
come and be our living bread.

By your grace, protect, preserve us
lest we fall, your trust betray.

Yours, above all other voices,
be the Word we hear, obey.

(LV)



There are many ways to donate.
PAR, Etransfer online (www.smoreuc.com) or
placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

A close-up photograph of a person's hand reaching towards a field of pink flowers. The background is a soft-focus field of similar flowers under a bright sky. The text is overlaid on the image in a clean, white, sans-serif font.

M&S Story

Giving and sharing as a first priority is what keeps us in good relations with our neighbours and our neighbourhood.



We Plough the Fields

(Refrain only)

* Voices United #520

* VU #520 We Plough the Fields: Public Domain.

All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, God, O holy God,
for all your love.

(LV)



Prayer of Dedication

Written by Bob Root; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2025, Page 36;
Used with permission



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 that 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

How Firm a Foundation

(Verses 1-2;5)

* Voices United #660

* VU #660 How Firm A Foundation: Public Domain.

How firm a foundation,
you servants of God,
is laid for your faith in
God's excellent word!

What more can be said
than to you has been said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

'Fear not, I am with you;
O be not dismayed!
For I am your God and
will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen and help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

'The soul that on Jesus
has leaned for repose
I will not - I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell
should endeavour to shake,
I'll never - no, never - no, never forsake!'

(LV)

Commissioning



Written by Beth W Johnston; Gathering, Lent-Easter; 2025, Page 37;
Used with permission

L: Let us go forward into the
uncertainties of life.

P: Let us be open to the guidance of the
Spirit.

L: Let us go forward certain that God will
calm our spirits as we confront our
fears.

P: Let us go forward knowing that we are
not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.



Blessing

Numbers 6:24-26



Bless Now, O God, the Journey

*Voices United #633
Verses 3

*VU #633 Bless Now, O God, The Journey: Words: Sylvia Dunston
1989. 1991 G.I.A. Publication Inc. Music: MCPS Basil Harwood
Royalties c/o Christopher Harwood. Reprinted/Podcast with
permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Divine Eternal Lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for lands of promise
where milk and honey flow.
But waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.

(LV)



Sharing the Peace

L: MAY THE GOD OF PEACE GO WITH YOU.

P: AND ALSO WITH YOU.

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a latte, featuring a detailed leaf-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching white saucer, both placed on a dark, textured wooden surface. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the coffee foam and the wood grain.

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