


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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Morning Has Broken

*Voices United #409

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Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall
sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness
of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness
where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

(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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Story Time for all ages



O worship the King

*Voices United #235

*VU # 235 O worship the King – Verses 1: 4-5:
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O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing
God's power and God's love;
our Shield and Defender,
the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour,
and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might,
O sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light,
whose canopy space,
whose chariots of wrath
the deep thunderclouds form,
and broad is God's path
on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store
of wonders untold,
Almighty, your power has founded of old;
has stablished it fast
by a changeless decree,
and round it has cast,
like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care,
what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air,
it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills,
it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distills
in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
your mercies how tender,
how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender,
Redeemer, and Friend.

(LV)



Scripture

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



Message

Spirit, Open My Heart

*More Voices #79

*MV # 79 Spirit, Open My Heart: Words: Ruth Duck 1994.
Music: Traditional Melody, Ireland. Arrangement: Arthur D.
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Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender.

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory.

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another.

Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.
As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.

(LV)

The Offering



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Sung Dedication

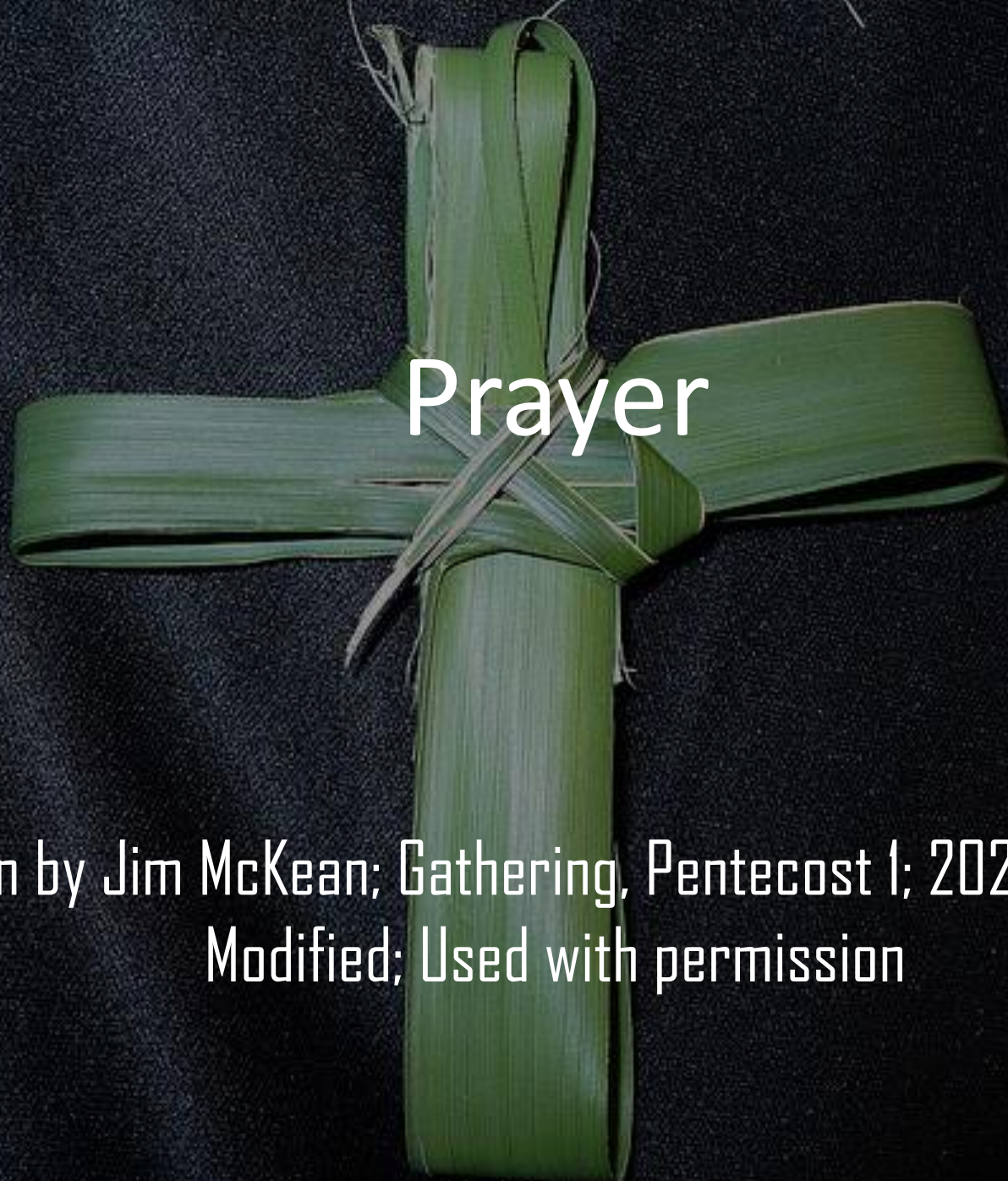
Grant Us, God, the Grace

**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

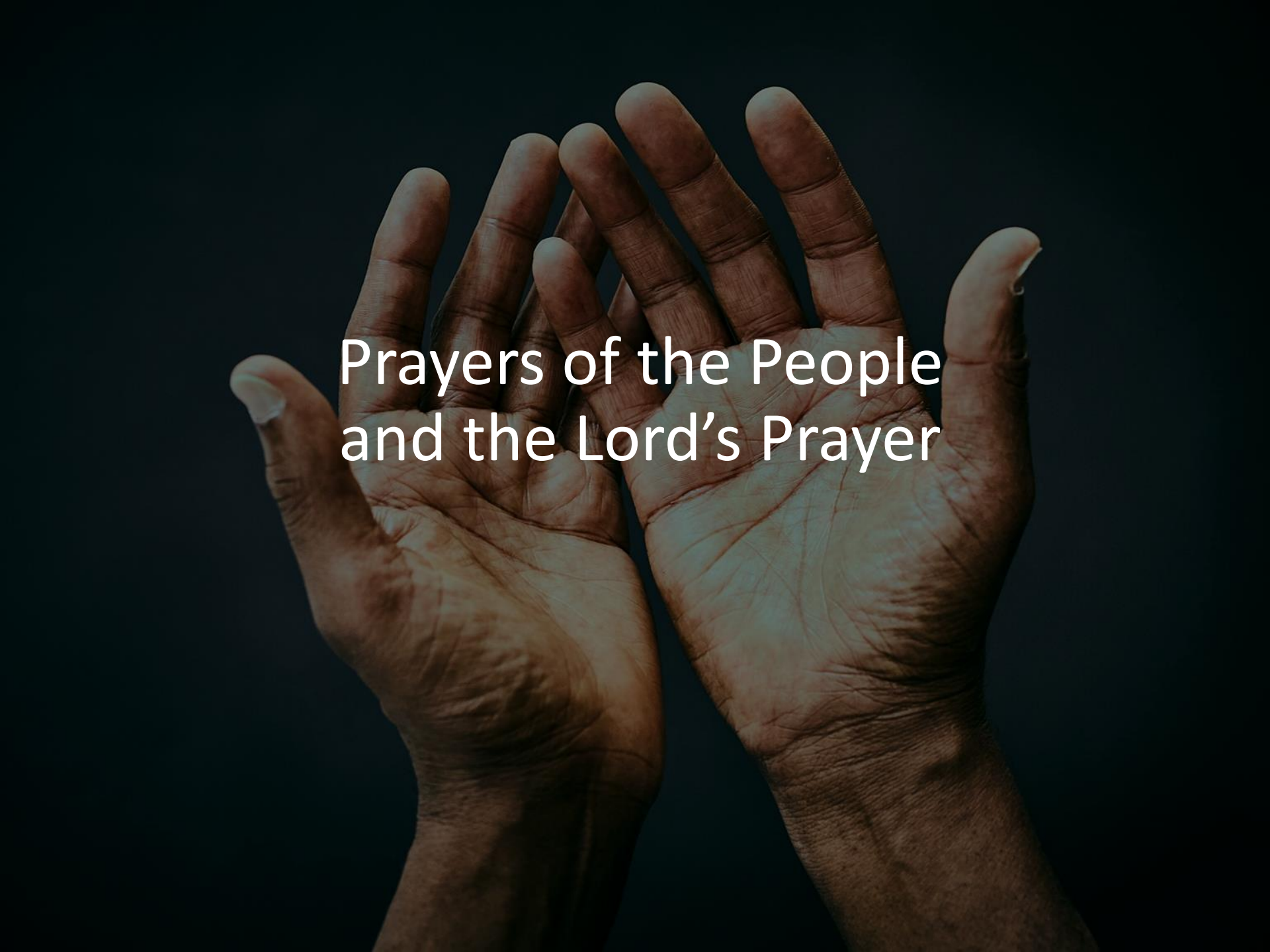
*More Voices #12

*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.

A person wearing a bright yellow jacket is walking away from the camera on a path through a misty forest. The trees have sparse, yellow and orange autumn leaves. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting an overcast day or early morning.

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

*Voices United #560

* VU # 560 : O Master Let Me Walk With Thee: Public Domain.

O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
teach me thy secret, help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
with some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience; still with thee,
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sure and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong,

in hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way,
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

(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 portion, 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

.....

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!