


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 foreground shows the dark silhouette of the hill and some grass.

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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God of the Sparrow

*Voices United #229

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God of the sparrow God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say *Awe*

How does the creature say *Praise*

God of the earthquake God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

God of the rainbow God of the cross

God of the empty grave

How does the creature say Grace

How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour God of the foe

God of the pruning hook

How does the creature say Love

How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home
(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

Called by Earth And Sky

*More Voices #135

*MV #135 Called by Earth And Sky: Words, Music:
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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.
called by earth and sky.
called by earth and sky.

(Lv)



Scripture

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

A person with long dark hair, wearing a white sweater, stands on a mountain ridge. They are holding a black coffee cup with both hands. In the foreground, a portable stove with a blue pot is visible. The background shows a vast valley with green trees and distant mountains under a hazy sky. The word "Message" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

Message

Be Thou My Vision

*Voices United #642

*VU # 642 Be Thou My Vision: Public Domain



Be thou my vision, O joy of my heart;
naught be all else to me save
that thou art,
thou my best thought,
by day or by night,
waking or sleeping
thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, my calm in all strife;
I ever with thee, and thou in my life;
thou loving parent, thy child may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield,
sword for the fight
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter,
thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward,
O power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
great God of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

Great God of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys,
O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O ruler of all.

(LV)

The Offering



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Sung Dedication

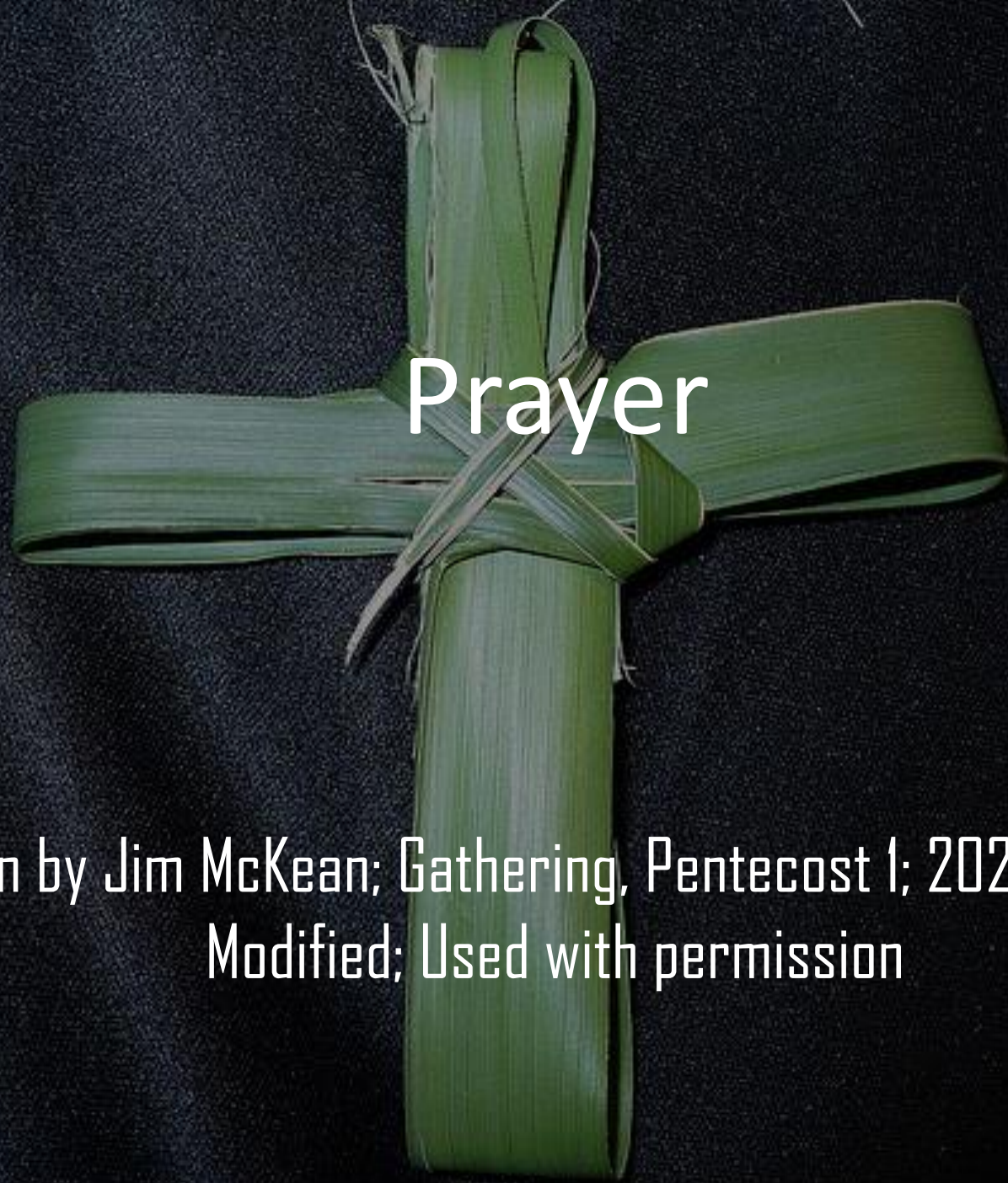
Grant Us, God, the Grace

**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

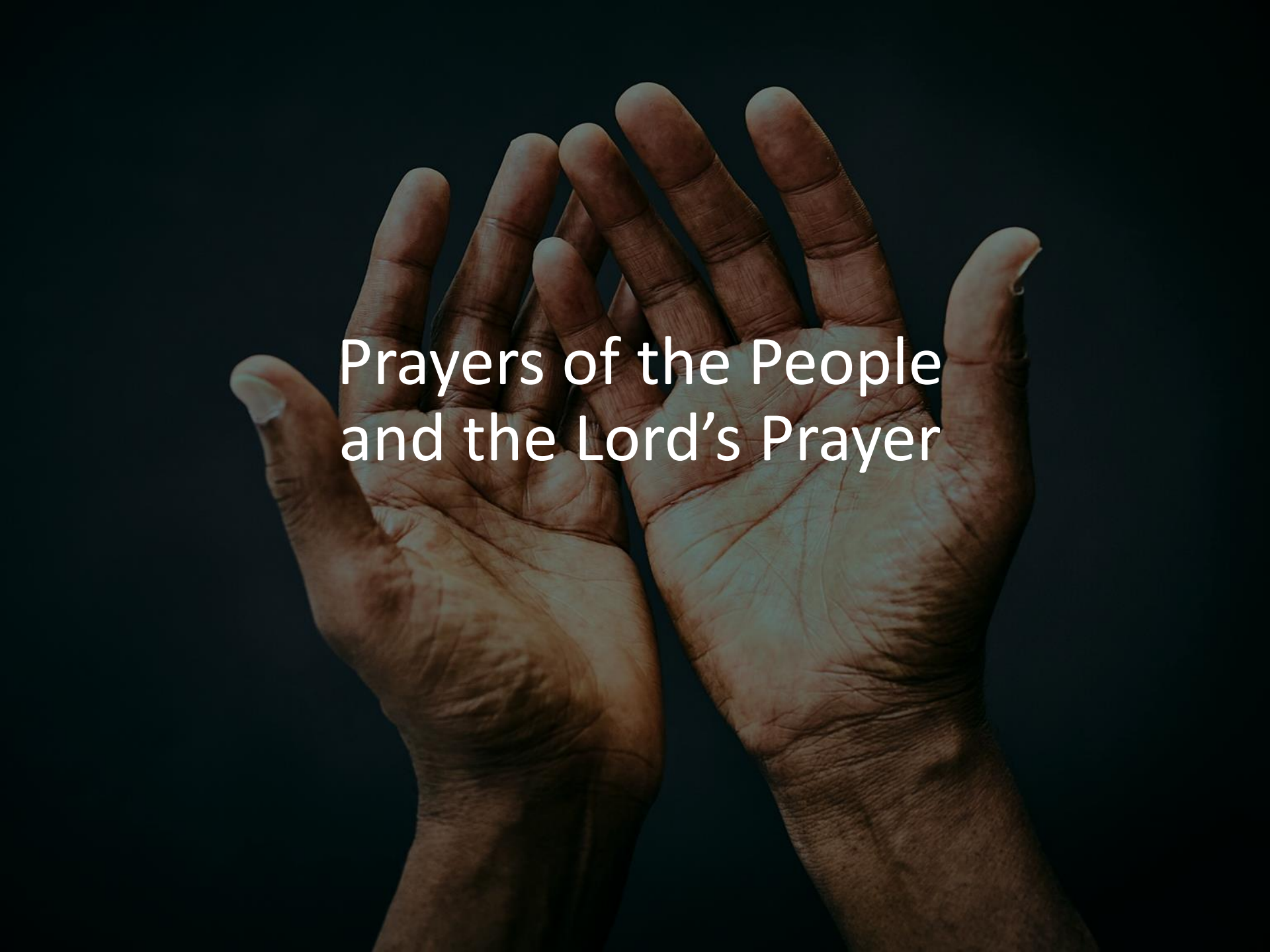
*More Voices #12

*MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts: Words, Music:
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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.

Will You Come and Follow Me

*Voices United #567

* VU # 567 Will You Come and Follow Me: Words,
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Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

(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

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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!