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



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

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I See a New Heaven

*Voices United #713

Verses 1&3

*VU #713 | See A New Heaven: Words, Music: Carolyn McDade 1979. Harmony 1991 Carolyn McDade. Reprinted /Podcast with permission under ONELICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved. I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there on the banks of a river bright and free, yielding her fruit, firm in her root, the Tree of Life will be.

I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth
as the old one will pass away,
where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.

There, there where the darkness brings visions from above.

There where the night, bearing new light, reveals the promise of love.

I see a new heaven. I see a new earth as the old one will pass away, where the fountain of life flows and without price goes to all people who abide in the land.

Call to Worship

- L: When we worship something,
- P: We recognize its worth.
- L: Many things can be worshipped -
- P: But for us, as Christians, God alone is worthy, Jesus alone is Lord.
- L: We can recognize, celebrate, revere ... love!
- P: In our speaking, in our singing, in our serving, in our praying, in all these things we worship God.

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Opening Prayer



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Story Time for all ages

Spirit, Open My Heart

*More Voices #79

* MV #79 Spirit, Open My Heart: Words: Ruth Duck 1994. Arrangement: The Pilgrim Press. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved. 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.

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance.



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L: Saving God,

P: We are your people, yet we often do not show this to the world. We are your children, yet we often turn our backs on you: We are your voice, yet we are often silent. We are your body, yet we often walk away from you. Forgive us for not trusting you. Forgive us for ignoring you. Help us to praise you. Help us to find peace with you as we bring our silent prayers before you. (a time of silent prayer)

Word of Assurance

- L: Hear the words of assurance from a loving God, a compassionate Son, and a healing Holy Spirit: weeping will be turned to laughter. Sorrow will become joy. Death will be life. All who are lost will be redeemed. Those broken, will be healed. All that is divided will be reconciled.
- P: May we find the peace of forgiveness, for in Christ, our sins are forgiven.

 Thanks be to God.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

(2X)

*Voices United #400

*VU #400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying: Words, Music: Ken Medema 1970. Hope Publishing Company. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace! Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place; Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Prayer of Illumination

- L: Loving God, we continue our Lenten journey seeking truth and wisdom for the days ahead, knowing that we are guided by you every step of the way.
- P: As we receive your Word this morning, we continue to search for truth, understanding, and wisdom as we journey in faith. Amen.

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Reading the Scripture

Isaiah 43:16-21

John 12:1-8

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



Message

All Who Hunger

*Voices United #460

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All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers; seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their lives in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

Holy Communion



Leader: Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God! We have come from East and West, and from North and South, and now sit at the table in the Presence of God. This is a table at which all are welcome, who believes in Jesus Christ our Judge and Hope! According to Luke, when the risen Jesus was at the table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. Jesus invites all to share this meal in memory of him. At this table our eyes may open, too, and we may be changed by the grace of God shown in Jesus, our Savior.

- L: The Lord be with you.
- P: And also with you.
- L: Lift up your hearts.
- P: We lift them up to the Lord.
- L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, Our God
- P: It is right to give God our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give you thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy Lord (Sanctus)

* Songs For A Gospel People #97

*Songs for a Gospel People #97:Holy, Holy Lord (Sanctus): Words, Music: Jim Strathdee. Desert Flower Music. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

Holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord Blessed is the One who comes, comes in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest. (LV)

Leader: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your child Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the Good News of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and after giving thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to his disciples. And said,

"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."



After supper he took the cup of wine; and after giving thanks, gave it to them, and said,

"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Gracious God, by the death of your child you have destroyed the power of death, and by raising him to life you have given us life for evermore. Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

- L: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, O God, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body, one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- P: Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever. Amen



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

Invitation: No matter who you are, no matter where you came from this morning, no matter what you bring with you...

If you believe in Jesus the Christ and accept the forgiveness of your sins in his name, you are welcome at this table. Come, for all things are now ready.



Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of the Body of Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in this Sacrament, remembering his life, death, and resurrection. Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and to love our neighbors as ourselves. This - and many more - we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

The Offering Invitation

- L: It can seem like money sets life in motion.
- P: Yet, it is the Spirit that brings life.
- L: Sometimes it is as if money is in charge of our lives.
- P: However, we are disciples of Christ.
- L: Let us come and celebrate that money does not own us.
- P: Our hearts belong to God and our money is meant for blessing.
- L: Let us present the gift of our offering.

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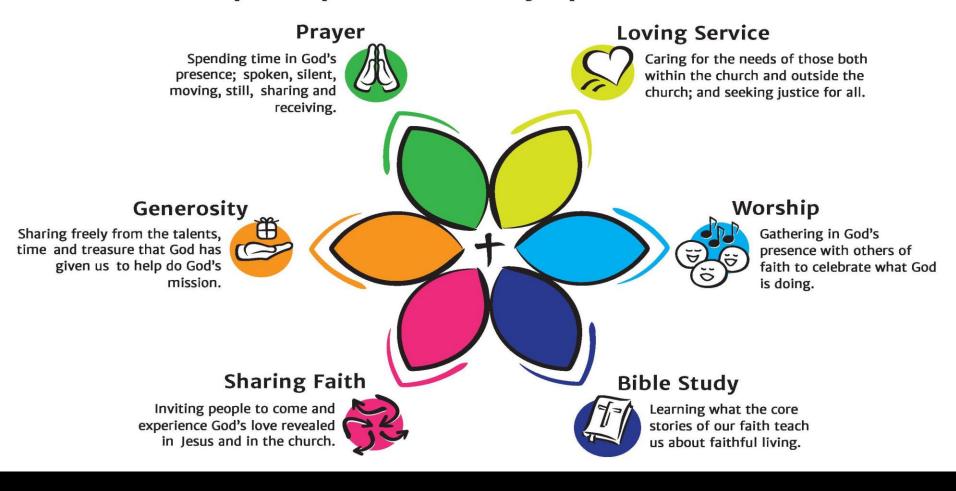
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Sung Dedication

Grateful

(Refrain)

*More Voices #182

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Grateful for the life you give us, thankful for your Holy Son, joyful in your Spirit flowing over all, O God of Love. Grateful for the Bread of Heaven, thankful for your Holy Word, joyful in your mercy flowing, we will praise you.

Prayer of Dedication

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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

* Voices United #703

Verses 1&2

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In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

Commissioning and Blessing



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In the Bulb There Is a Flower

* Voices United #703

Verses 3

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In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see. (LV)



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