


Welcome and Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing a traditional Indigenous headdress with feathers, standing 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 shadow is cast on the ground in front of them.

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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Let Us Build a House

*More Voices #1

* MV # 1 Let Us Build a House – Verses 1; 4-5: Words,
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Let us build a house where
love can dwell and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end
divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where
prophets speak, and words are strong
and true,
where all God's children dare to
seek to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where
love is found in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy
ground, where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees
us:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where
hands will reach beyond the wood and
stone

to heal and strengthen, serve and
teach, and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;

let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where
all are named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

(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, two stick figures holding hands, a 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

A person is lying in a striped hammock in a forest. A cat is sitting on their lap. The background shows trees and a soft, natural light. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

*Voices United #375

*VU # 375 Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness: Words,
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Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons
you called to each thing:
wake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You swept thro' the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people
with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded
with their idols and lies,
then you spoke thro' your prophets
to open their eyes.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You sang in a stable,
you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city
you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes,
from the bondage of sorrow
the captives dream dreams,
our women see visions,
our men clear their eyes,
with bold new decisions
your people arise.

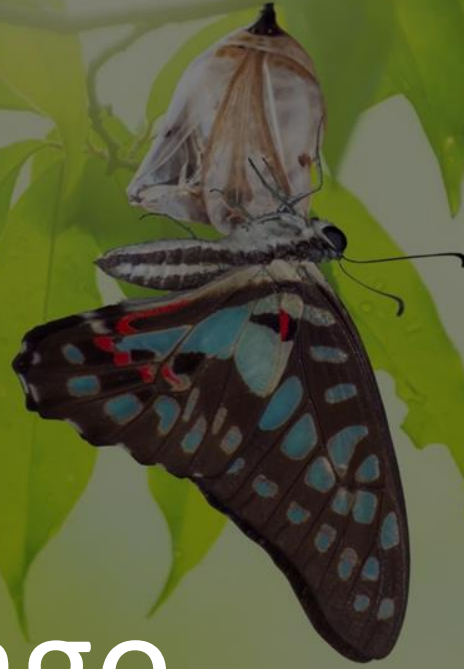
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blow thro' the wilderness
calling and free,
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness,
Wind, Wind on the sea.

(LV)



Scripture

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

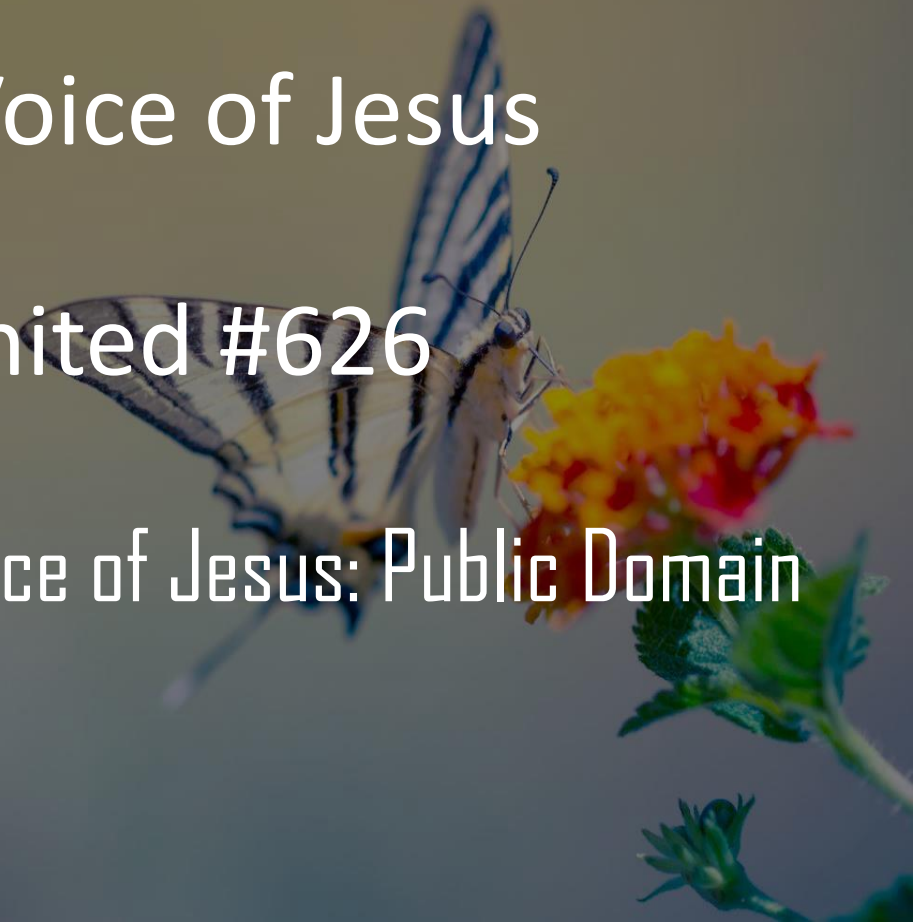


Message

I Heard the Voice of Jesus

*Voices United #626

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I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.'

I came to Jesus as I was,
weary and worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink, and live.'

I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.'
I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till travelling days are done.

(LV)

The Offering



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placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.

Sung Dedication

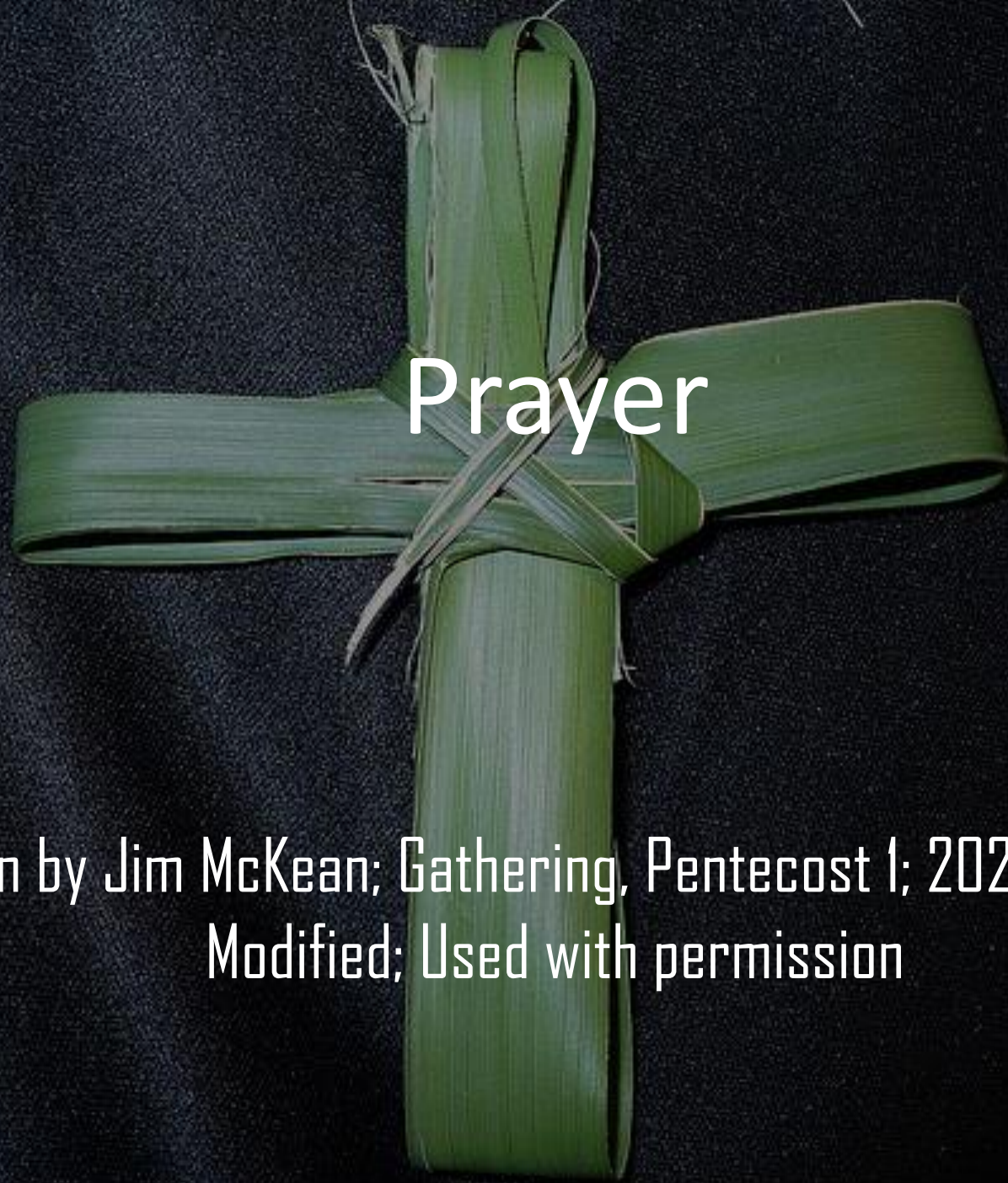
Grant Us, God, the Grace

**Voices United #540*

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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

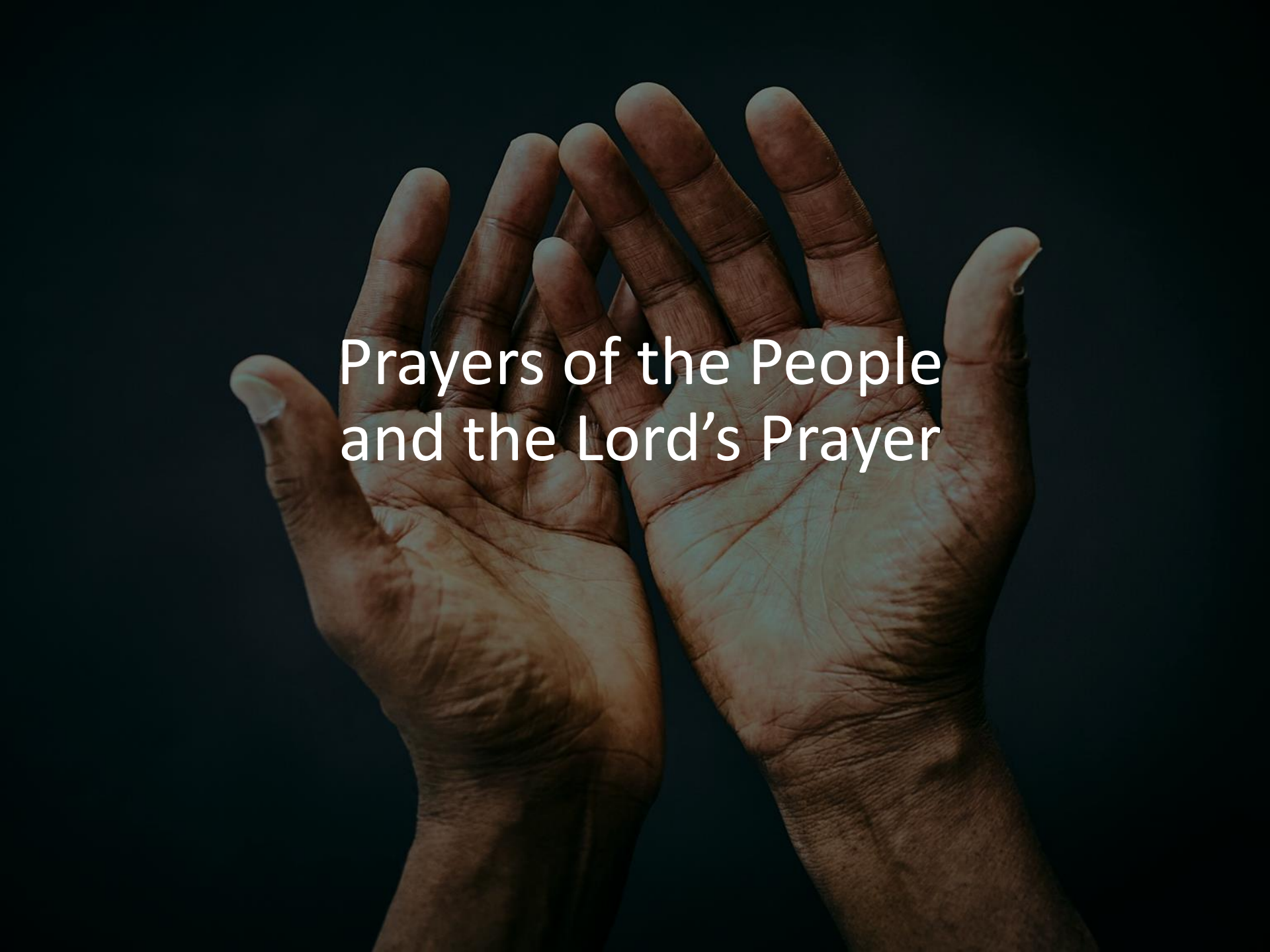
*More Voices #12

*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.



Draw the Circle Wide

*More Voices #145

* MV # 145 : Draw the Circle Wide: Words, Music:
Gordon Light 1994. Arrangement: Michael Bloss 1998.
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Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

God the still-point of the circle,
'round whom all creation turns;
nothing lost, but held forever
in God's gracious arms.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

Let our hearts touch far horizons,
so encompass great and small;
let our loving know no borders,
faithful to God's call.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

Let the dreams we dream be larger,
than we've ever dreamed before;
let the dream of Christ be in us,
open every door.

Draw the circle wide. Draw it wider still.
Let this be our song, no one stands alone,
standing side by side,
draw the circle wide.

(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!