



Strathmore United Church
"By This We Will Know: The Dance of Love"
Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

Welcome and announcements:

♪♪ Hymn: I Danced in the Morning (chorus) *VU #352
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

L: This is the call!

We lean into this day with the strength we have.

P: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

L: God sends out a call that will not let us go.

P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

L: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of love and set out
anyway.

P: For we are called to dance again!

♪♪ Hymn: Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love *VU #593
Jesu,* Jesu, fill us with your love,
show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.

1 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them. R

2 Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near and far away. R

Prayer:

A Story for All Ages: Children's time

"We offer thanks, for dreamers true

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for all they are and all they do

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Let us become dreamers too

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and bring new life to me and you

and bring new life to me and you!

Amen! Amen!

First Reading: *John 10: 11-17 (NRSV, adapted)*

Second Reading: *1 John 3: 16-18, 23-24 (NRSV, adapted)*

 **Hymn:** Lord, Speak to Me (Verses 1 and 4)***VU #589**

1 Lord, speak to me that I may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let me seek
your straying children lost and lone.

4 O fill me with your fullness, Lord,
until my very heart o'erflows
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.

Sermon:

Prayers of the People:

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

The Offering:

♪♪ Sung Dedication: For the Gift of Creation *VU#538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.**

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer:

♪♪ Hymn: They'll Know We Are Christians *CFO #237

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, They'll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, They'll know we are Christians by our love**

Benediction:

And all God's people said,
"Amen!"

Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!
And also with you!

Phone, email –connect with someone today and share the
Peace of Christ.

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