



# Strathmore United Church

*Inspiring Commitment*

August 8, 2021

## Welcome and announcements:

### Candle Lighting:

L: As we gather to worship, we light this candle to remember the light and love that Jesus shared with so many. He did not keep this light to himself. After Jesus died, his friends continued to share the light. For generations upon generations the light has been shared, and love continues; Jesus is still with us.

**P: Today, in love, we welcome the light, the light of the world.**

### Call to Worship:

L: God is the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of the farthest seas.

**P: Praise is due to the Giver of all good gifts.**

L: God visits creation to water it, blessing its growth and providing its people with grain.


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L: The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy.

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L: Let us worship the One who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food, so that we, too, may be sowers of the kingdom's harvest.


### Opening Prayer:

 **Hymn:** All Creatures of Our God and King \*VU #217

1 All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
hallelujah, hallelujah!  
Bright burning sun with golden beam,  
soft shining moon with silver gleam,  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,  
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,  
sing praises, hallelujah!  
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
O lights of evening, find a voice:  
sing praises, sing praises,  
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

**All Ages Theme Conversation:**

 **Hymn:** *Let Us With a Gladsome Mind (vs 1 and 4) \*VU #234*

1 Let us with a gladsome mind  
praise our God, forever kind;  
whose great mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

4 All things living God does feed,  
with full measure meets their need;  
for God's mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 9:10

**Sermon**

 **Hymn:** *Spirit, Open My Heart \*MV #79*

**Refrain**

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.

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.

**Prayers of the People:**

Peoples Reply: **Gracious God, hear our prayer; and in your  
love answer.**

**The Offering:**

**♪♪ Offering Song:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow **\*VU#541**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures high and low;  
give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**♪♪ Hymn:** *Joyful, Joyful We Adore You* **\*VU #232**

- 1** Joyful, joyful we adore you,  
God of glory, life and love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before you,  
opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,  
drive the gloom of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness,  
fill us with the light of day.
  
- 2** All your works with joy surround you,  
earth and heaven reflect your rays,  
stars and angels sing around you,  
centre of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain,  
sound their praise eternally.

**Sending Forth and Blessing:**

**🎵 Postlude:** Sent Out in Jesus' Name \*MV #212  
**Sent out in Jesus' name,  
our hands are ready now  
to make the world the place  
in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change  
a world of hurt and pain  
into a world of love,  
of justice and of peace.  
The task is ours to do,  
to set it really free.  
O, help us to obey,  
and carry out your will.**

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