



Strathmore United Church

March 14, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Lent

"Different Pictures"

Welcome and announcements:

Centering Song: Vessels, holy and whole
Broken, needing the One
Open, body and soul
Healer, come.

Opening Prayer of Confession:

Let us pray:

God of All Possibilities..... It all feels overwhelming and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

P: Help us, Healer. Show us our energy reserves.

Forgive our cynicism. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

L: In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness.

Silence

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Assurance:

🎵 Hymn: O Love That Wilt Not Let me Go *VU #658

1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

Reading the Scripture and Message: Matthew 9: 18-26


 **Hymn:** Let Us Build A House *MV #1

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.

Minute for Mission:

Offering:

 **Sung Dedication:** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands *VU#537

1 Your work, O God, needs many hands
to help you everywhere,
and some there are who cannot serve
unless our gifts we share.

- 2 Because we love you and your work,
our offering now we make:
be pleased to use it as your own,
we ask for Jesus' sake.

Prayer of Dedication:

♪♪ Hymn Prayer Responses *VU#948

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:
When I call answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:
Come and listen to me.

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. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: Be Thou My Vision *VU #642

- 1 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.
- 2 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.

Commissioning and Blessing:

Musical Response:

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Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':

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

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