



# Strathmore United Church

## September 24, 2023

**🎵 Hymn Sing:**

**Welcome and announcements:**

**Preparing for New Life:**

**🎵 Gathering Song:** Come Out \**Worship Design Studio*  
*Come out! Come out of your comfortable spaces.*  
*Come, meet Jesus in the difficult places.*

**Questions for Metamorphosis:**

L: In the dark of the womb we wondered...

**P: ...what could be better than this warm and safe place?**

L: Once we were birthed into this life, at times we wondered...

**P:...could there be more than meets the eye?**

L: In the dark of the tomb-times of our existence we wonder...

**P: ... is there life beyond these constraints?**

L: When we hear the story of Jesus we wonder...

**P: ... is new life possible for me?**

L: Then the love of the Divine reminds us,

**P: "You too are my child.**

**You can emerge to renewed life.**

**Again and again."**

**Amen.**

**🎵 Hymn:** In the Bulb There Is a Flower \***VU #703**

**Time for Children:**

**Scripture Readings:** Luke 1: 26-38, John 19: 38 - John 20:1

**🎵 Hymn:** In the Quiet Curve of Evening \* **VU #278**

**Sermon:**

**♪♪ Hymn:**

Holy Spirit, Hear Us \* VU #377 (VS. 3)

Holy Spirit, prompt us  
when we bow to pray;  
speak within and teach us  
what we ought to say.

**Prayers of the People/Lord's Prayer:**

**The Offering:**

**♪♪ Sung Dedication:** All Is Done For the Glory \* MV #34

All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!

All depends upon our glorious God.

Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen! Amen!

All is done for the glory of God. Amen! Amen!

2. Life is lived for the glory of God.

3. Worship is for the glory of God.

4. All is giv'n for the glory of God.

**Prayer of Dedication:**

We dedicate our lives to you this day and seal that promise by way of this offering. We give out of the abundance of our hearts, that the treasure of your kingdom may be shared with many. Thank you for giving us grateful hearts and a spirit of generosity for the flourishing of your realm. Amen.

**♪♪ Hymn:**

Joyful Is the Dark \* VU #284

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

**♪♪ Choral Response:** God Be with You till We Meet Again \* VU #422

**✠ Passing the Peace of Christ**

*The peace of Christ is with you.... Also with you!*

**Postlude:**

*Please come and join us for **Coffee and Fellowship**  
in the Library after the service.*

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