Greeting & Welcome

L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. P: and also, with you.

Based on 2 Cor. 13:13

Announcements



We would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the traditional territories of the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta.



It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

*More Voices #30

Verses 1-2;4

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It's a song of praise to the Maker, The thrush sings high in the tree. It's a song of praise to the Maker, The gray whale sings in the sea,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's a call of life to the Giver when waves and waterfalls roar.
It's a call of life to the Giver when high tides break on the shore.

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

It's the chorus of all creation; it's sung by all living things. It's the chorus of all creation a song the universe sings,

And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

Call to Worship

- L: Happy Thanksgiving as you come into this space to celebrate the abundance with which God blesses us all.
- P: When the leaves begin to turn colour and fall, when the temperature gets cooler and the days grow shorter, we lean into creation's cycle of life as God's gift.

- L: Come as we worship the One who shows us the Way of self-giving love.
- P: We come to rejoice that God has made us for one another and teaches us faithfulness when sharing from our abundance.

L: Let us commune with God in prayer:

P: In our listening, O Spirit, may we recognize your whispers of becoming. In our praying, O God, may we discover our union in you. In our singing, O Christ, may we delight in life's possibilities. In our living in your name, may we dedicate ourselves to your purpose. Amen.

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Opening Prayer



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- L: Creator God, provider of seed, water, and sun,
- P: We give you thanks!
- L: For the health and energy of bodies to complete the harvest or carry out other tasks,
- P: We give you thanks!
- L: For the support of families as we labour,
- P: We give you thanks!

- L: For neighbours who pool resources to bring in the harvest, or just provide support when it's needed,
- P: We give you thanks!
- L: For your amazing love and grace, we give you thanks! Amen.

We Give Our Thanks

*More Voices #187

Verse 1

* MV #187 We Give Our Thanks: Words, Music: Andrew Donaldson. Traditional Song from Botswana. 1986 World Council of Churches. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

We give our thanks to God, We give our thanks to God, We give our thanks to God, We give our thanks to God. (LV)



Story Time for all ages

For the Fruit of All Creation

*Voices United #227

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For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping,

thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Prayer of Confession & Word of Assurance



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- L: Sisters and brothers, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God every time we turn toward our home and remember whose we are. Therefore with open hearts, let us pray together the prayer of confession:
- P: Merciful God, we confess that too often we limit you, by limiting our perceptions of you and our acceptance of your grace. You provide us with everything we need, but we are often too preoccupied to notice.

P: We spend our time worrying about things instead of opening our eyes to your bounty and supportive, nurturing presence with us. We designate one day to give thanks, rather than recognizing that thankfulness, like faithfulness, is required each day. Forgive us, God, and set us on a new path. Amen.

- L: Even though we try to limit God, God's love, forgiveness, and grace are limitless.
- P: Be that as it may, we will be more attentive to the God who knows us, forgives us, and sets us free. Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Melody Chimes

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

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Prayer of Illumination



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Reading the Scripture

Deuteronomy 26:1–11
Philippians 4:4-9

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



Message

Let All Things Now Living

* Voices United #242

*VU #242 Let All Things Now Living: Words, Descant: Katherine K. Davis 1939. 1960nShirmer Music Company. Music: Public Domain: Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God our Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, by guiding us on to the end of our days. God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night; till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into Light.

By law God enforces, the stars in their courses and sun in its orbit obediently shine; the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains, the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine. We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing; with glad adoration a song let us raise: till all things now living unite in thanksgiving, to God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

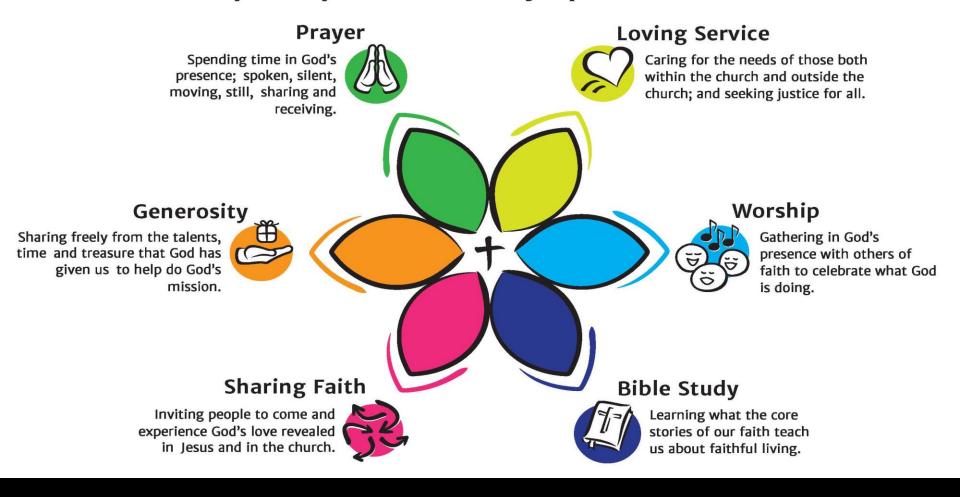
The Offering Invitation



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Discipleship Flower - Key Spiritual Practices



Gratitude and thanksgiving are fundamental to our life as Christians. Remember to give, and to give thanks.



*Voices United #520

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All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; we thank you, God, O holy God, for all your love.

(LV)

Prayer of Dedication

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- L: As a people who yearn for new opportunities to put our faith into action,
- P: We give thanks for God's presence in our lives.
- L: As a congregation that seeks to build community and to serve with a common purpose,
- P: We give thanks for the Spirit's presence in our lives.

- L: As individuals who seek to follow the teachings of Jesus and to make a difference in our community and in the world,
- P: We give thanks for Christ's presence in our lives.
- L: We seek to share both hope and love through our mission, our service, and our offerings.
- P: Bless that we offer, gracious God. Thanks be to you. Amen.

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 that 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

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

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Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light. Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill, praise the Lord, never let your voice be still. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing. Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy, praise the Lord every moment, nothing let your praise destroy. Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Commissioning and Blessing



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O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us strong in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ill in this world and the next.



Please join us for Coffee and Fellowship in the Library after the service!