



Strathmore United Church

April 28, 2024

Words of Welcome and announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:

Centering Song: Lord Prepare Me (sung x2) *MV #18
Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship:

We are here gracious Lord, aware of new life all around us. Bulbs are bursting forth into beautiful flowers, trees struggle to release their buds, and hillsides are greening. We are here O God, to receive again the ways in which you transform us. Lives are touched with meaning and hope; tears are released, and joy is restored; a tomb is empty and hearts are strangely warmed. Give to us that sense of new life as we awaken our hearts and spirits to the truth of Christ's presence, now and always. Amen

(Margaret Radson and Bill Steadman, St. Andrews UC, Sudbury Ont.)

Hymn: Jesus, Stand Among Us *VU #396 (VS. 1&2)

Gathering Prayer:

We gather this morning as spiritual descendants of the family of God. Each of us a leaf, or bud, or blossom on the twig of the United Church of Canada, on the branch of Christianity from the vine that is Jesus Christ, rooted in God – the Divine Source of all that is. We gather to give thanks for our biological, social and faith ancestors. We gather to take our part, to offer our gifts, to grow in faith, and inspire a new generation of disciples – brothers and sisters in Christ.

(Juanita Austin, Trinity UC, Merritt, BC)

Hymn: This is God's Wondrous world *VU #296

Family Time:

♪♪ Hymn: God, we Praise You for the Morning *VU #415

Reading the Scripture: Genesis 2: 8-9; Proverbs 3: 13-18;
Revelation 22: 1-2; John 15: 1-8

L: This is the word of our sacred story...

P: Thanks be to God

Message:

♪♪ Hymn: O Blessed Spring *VU #632 (tune #560)

Minute for Mission:

♪♪ Offertory: Grant Us, God, the Grace * VU # 540

Prayer of Dedication:

Creator God, take these gifts of money that represent the fruits of our love for you, for our community and for ourselves. Use these gifts as you use us, to spread your message of love throughout the world. Amen.

(Deborah Ambridge Fisher, Forest Hill UC, Fredericton, NB)

♪♪ Hymn: Lord Listen to Your Children Praying *VU #400
**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer:

♪♪ Hymn: We Have This Ministry *VU #510

Commissioning and Benediction:

♪♪ Choral Response: Go Now in Peace *VU #964

Sharing the Peace:

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

Please join us for Coffee and fellowship after the service!

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