



Strathmore United Church

May 11, 2025

Words of Welcome and Announcements:

Lighting the Christ Candle:


L: A holy day...a holy light

P: Let us gather in the light of Christ to celebrate all the loving relationships that shape and bless our lives.

 Centering: *Come to My Heart Lord Jesus* *VU #661

Call to Worship:

Loving God, Creator, and keeper of all life, we praise you this day. In each opening bud, in each blossoming tree, you invite us to experience your presence and to find ourselves as part of all life. You our maker, nourish us with beauty and words of wisdom. We are born from you, and in you we live and move and grow as your family and community of faith. As a child is formed in their mother's womb, we are formed in you, each one of us being made into your image, your church, your family, your blessing for the world. For this we give you thanks, today and every day. Amen.

 Hymn: *Come In, Come In and Sit Down* *VU #395

Prayer of Confession:

Loving God, relationships are hard. There's the rushing here and there and the clutter of the day. You call us to be present to one another, when we want to be alone, still, silent, asleep and away. You want us to love each other, yet sometimes we break the rules and hurt others in our family. We forget to listen, to notice, to reach out, and to care. Whatever it is that blocks the way in our relationships, whatever it is that stops us from living your word and your way, forgive us.

(a time of silent reflection)

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Family Time:

♪♪ Hymn: *The Lord is My Shepherd* ***VU #747**

Prayer of Illumination:

Open to us your message of hope and help us to trust in your presence. Amen

Reading of Scripture **John 10:1-10**
 Acts 2: 42-47

L: This is the word of our sacred story

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

♪♪ Hymn: All the Way My Saviour Leads Me ***VU #635**

Minute for Mission:

Let us take time to listen to the Spirit within us that calls us to follow the example of Jesus.

Offertory: *In Gratitude and Humble Trust* ***VU #544** (Tune VU#625)

**In gratitude and humble trust
 we bring our best today
 to serve your cause and share your love
 with all along life's way.**

**O God, who gave yourself to us
 in Jesus Christ, your Son,
 teach us to give ourselves each day
 until life's work is done.**

Prayer of Dedication:

Loving God, we come to you praying that you will enlarge our vision of family until it includes everyone that is part of your family. As family we are asked to love and care for each other. We bring our gifts to you to support the members of your family, because they are also members of our family. Receive and bless our offerings in the name of the Risen Christ. Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: *Lord Listen to Your Children Praying* ***VU #400**


Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer:

 **Hymn:** *Who Is My Mother* *MV #178

Commissioning and Benediction:

P: Happy are we to be part of God's human family. We are loved and precious in God's sight. We are blessed and chosen to go forth and to nurture God's world.

L: And may the Grace of our Risen Lord the Love of God and the power of the Holy Spirit go with you this day, Amen.

 **Hymn:** *Holy, Holy, Holy* *VU #951 (X2)

Passing the Peace of Christ

L: May the God of Peace go with you.

P: And also with you.

Please join us for coffee and fellowship in the Library after the service.

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