


Welcome and Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress, stands on a hill against a sunset sky. The person is facing right. The sky transitions from a dark purple at the top to a bright orange and yellow near the horizon. The foreground shows the dark silhouette of the hill and some grass.

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

A lit candle in a dark holder is positioned on the right side of the image, casting a warm, golden glow. To the left, several white chrysanthemum flowers are arranged, their petals catching the light. The background is a deep, dark blue or black, which makes the candle and flowers stand out. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

Lighting the Christ Candle



Lord Prepare Me

*More Voices #18
(Sung 2X)

*MV #18 Lord Prepare Me To Be A Sanctuary: Words,
Music: John W. Thompson and Randy Scruggs.
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Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy tried and true;
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

(LV)

Call to Worship

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.)

Jesus, Stand Among Us

*Voices United #396
(VS 1&2)

*VU #396 Jesus Stand Among Us: (V1 & 2): Words, Music:
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Jesus, stand among us
in your risen power;
let this time of worship
be a hallowed hour.

Breathe the Holy Spirit
into every heart;
bid the fears and sorrows
from each soul depart.

(LV)

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, B.C.)



This Is God's Wondrous World

*Voices United #296

*VU #296 This Is God's Wondrous World: Public Domain.

This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.

This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.

This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.

This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.

This is God's wondrous world:

O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong
seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.

This is God's wondrous world:

why should my heart be sad?

Let voices sing, let the heavens ring:

God reigns, let earth be glad!

(LV)

Family Time



Alle deine
Können uns
Ihre Kunst, die
Schmeckt uns wie du
Siehe Ap. Weis. 1. v 27

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God, we Praise You for the Morning

*Voices United #415

*VU#415 God, We Praise You For The Morning: Words: Jim and Jean Strathdee. Music: Jim Strathdee 1985 Desert Flower Music. Reprinted/Podcast with permission under ONE LICENSE #734505-A. All rights reserved.

God, we praise you for the morning;
hope springs forth with each new day,
new beginning, prayer, and promise,
joy in work and in play.

God, we praise you for creation,
mountains, seas, and prairie land.
Waking souls find joy and healing
in your bountiful hand.

God, we praise you for compassion,
all the loving that you show;
human touching, tears, and laughter,
help your children to grow.

God, we praise you for your Spirit,
Comforter and daily friend,
restless searcher, gentle teacher,
strength and courage you send.

God, we praise you for the Saviour,
come that we may know your ways.

In his loving, dying, rising,
Christ is Lord of our days.

Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Christ is Lord of our days!
(LV)

Genesis 2: 8-9

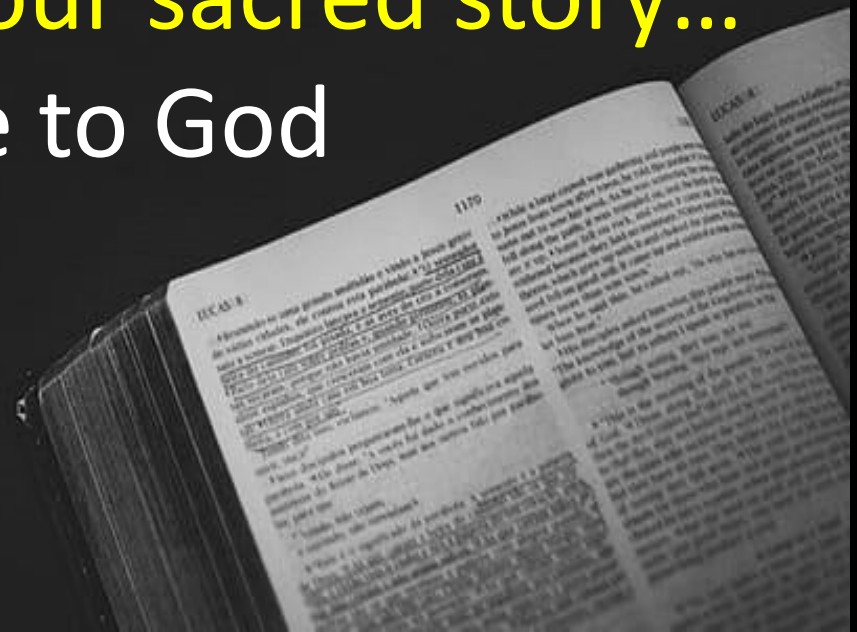
Proverbs 3: 13-18

Revelation 22: 1-2

John 15: 1-8

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

P: Thanks be to God





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Message

O Blessed Spring

*Voices United #632
(Tune #560)

* VU #632 O Blessed Spring: Words: 1993 Susan Palo Cherwien.
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O blessed spring, where Word and sign
embrace us into Christ the Vine,
here Christ enjoins each one to be
a branch of this lifegiving tree.

Through summer heat of youthful years,
uncertain faith, rebellious tears,
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,
the boughs will shout for joy again.

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living Tree,
be praised for this blessed mystery:
that Word and water thus revive
and join us to your Tree of Life.

When autumn cools and youth is cold,
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,
then through us warm
the Christ will move
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

As winter comes, as winters must,
we breathe our last, return to dust;
still held in Christ, our souls take wing
and trust the promise of the spring.

(LV)


A photograph of a small, clear stream flowing through a dense forest. The water is dark and reflects the surrounding greenery. Several large, flat, grey stepping stones are arranged in a path across the stream, leading from the foreground towards the background. The forest is lush with various types of ferns and other green plants, creating a vibrant and natural setting. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and quiet.

Minute for Mission

The Offering



There are many ways to donate.
PAR, Etransfer online (www.smoreuc.com) or
placed in the plate as you exit the sanctuary.



Grant Us, God, the Grace

**Voices United #540*

***VU #540 Grant Us, God, The Grace of Giving:
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Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

(LV)



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, N.B.)

A silhouette of a person sitting and reading a book, set against a background of a sunset or sunrise with a gradient from orange to blue. The person is positioned on the right side of the frame, facing left.


Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

*Voices United #400

*VU #400 Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying: Words,
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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!

(LV)



Prayers of the People & 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**



We Have This Ministry

* Voices United #510

*VU #510 We Have This Ministry: Words, Music: Jim
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We have this ministry
and we are not discouraged;
it is by God's own power
that we may live and serve.
Openly we share God's word,
speaking truth as we believe,
praying that the shadowed world
may healing light receive.
We have this ministry, O God,
receive our living.

O Christ, the tree of life,
our end and our beginning,
we grow to fullest flower
when rooted in your love.

Brothers, sisters, clergy, lay,
called to service by your grace,
different cultures, different gifts,
the young and old a place.

We have this ministry, O God,
receive our giving.

The yoke of Christ is ours,
the whole world is our parish;
we daily take the cross,
the burden and the joy.

Bearing hurts of those we serve,
wounded, bruised and bowed with pain,
Holy Spirit, bread and wine,
we die and rise again.

We have this ministry, O God,
receive our loving.

(LV)

Commissioning and Benediction



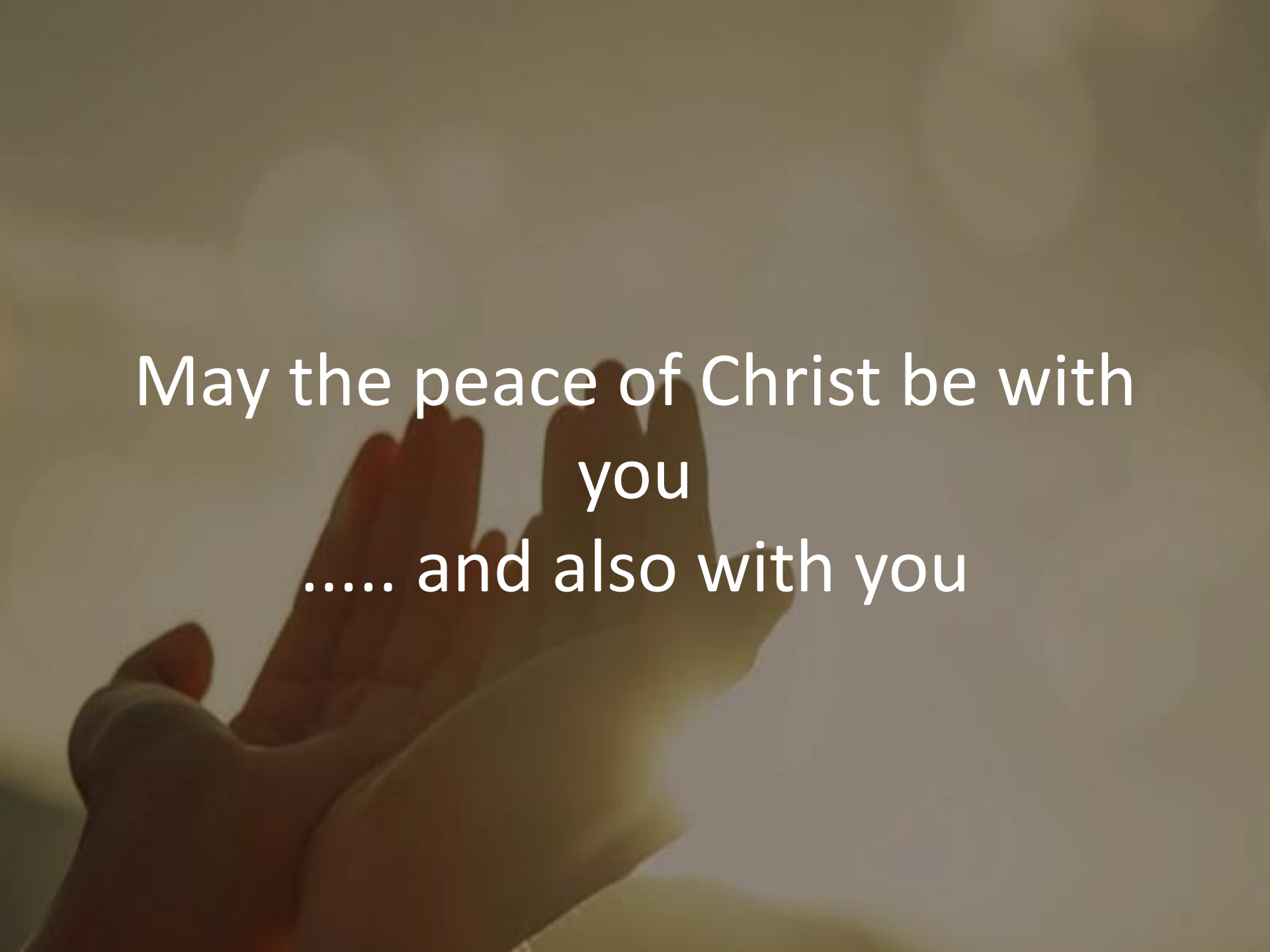
Go Now in Peace

*Voices United #964

*VU #964 Go Now In Peace: Words, Music: Natalie Sleeth
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Go now in peace, go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

(LV)

A close-up photograph of a hand reaching upwards towards a bright, glowing light source, possibly the sun or a lamp. The hand is positioned in the lower-left quadrant of the frame, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of light colors, creating a warm and hopeful atmosphere. The overall image conveys a sense of reaching for peace and connection.

May the peace of Christ be with
you
..... and also with you

Please join us for coffee and
Fellowship after the service!

