



**Strathmore United Church**  
**May 5, 2024**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter - Communion**  
**Red Dress Day**

**Words of Welcome and announcements:**

**🎵 Centering Song:** Spirit of Life \*VU #381  
Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;  
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**Call to Worship:** "Church" By Rev. Roddy McDowell, Scotland

**🎵 Hymn:** Make a Joyful Noise \*VU #820

**Opening Prayer:**

**🎵 Hymn:** Deep In Our Hearts \*MV #154

**For the Young at Heart:** "The Strong Man Who Cried"  
from *Does God Have a Big Toe?* by Marc Gellman

**Reading the Scripture:** John 15:9-17

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

P: Thanks be to God

**Message:** Not If, When?

**🎵 Hymn:** Break Now the Bread of Life \*VU #501

**Communion Liturgy:**

L: God is with you.

P: Open our hearts to God's love.

L: Let us give thanks to God, our Creator.

**Prayer Response:**


L: As your children together

A: We give you thanks and praise, O God.

**SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP**


**Post Communion Prayer:**

All: We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table with your faith in us and by the presence of Jesus your Christ. By your Spirit, strengthening our faith, increasing our love for one another, send us forth ready to engage the world united in courage and compassion, rejoicing in your invitation into mending all our relations and through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.


 **Communion Hymn:** Bread of Life, Feed My Soul \*MV #194

**Minute for Mission:**

**The Offering:**

 **Dedication:** Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow \* VU # 541


**Prayer of Dedication:**

 **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:** Go Make A Diff'rence \*MV #209

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

 **Choral Response:** May the God of Hope Go with Us \*VU #424

**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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