


Welcome and Announcements



A silhouette of a person wearing traditional Indigenous regalia, including a feathered headdress, stands on a grassy hill. The background is a dramatic sky with warm, orange and yellow hues from a low sun, transitioning to a darker, purplish-blue at the top. The person is facing right, looking out over the landscape.

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



Lighting the Christ Candle

Come and Find the Quiet Centre

*Voices United #374

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Come and find the quiet centre
in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter,
find the frame where we are freed:
clear the chaos and the clutter,
clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter,
be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us,
cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us,
knows our being, face to face,
making space within our thinking,
lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking,
finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel,
open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel,
celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming,
there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming
there is always room to spare!

(LV)

Call to Worship



L: As we gather here today, may the peace of Christ be upon this house of worship.

P: As we come together, may God's grace rest on us as we pray, sing and listen to the message.

L: May our time together ignite in us a desire to go out and share the peace and love of Christ with others.

P: Let us worship God, singing and praising God's wonderful love for all.

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

*Voices United #271

* VU # 271 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy - Public
Domain:

There's a wideness in God's mercy
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.

There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

There is plentiful redemption
in the blood that Christ has shed;
there is joy for all the members
in the sorrows of the Head.

Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

(LV)

Gathering Prayer

L: Heavenly Father, ... In Christ's name, we
ask these things.

P: Amen.

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Story Time for all ages



Open My Eyes, That I May See

*Voices United #371

*VU # 371 Open My Eyes, That I May See - Public Domain

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key
that shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
voices of truth thou sendest clear;
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,
everything false will disappear.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
gladly the warm truth everywhere;
open my heart and let me prepare
love with thy children thus to share.

Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.

Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

(LV)



Scripture

L: A Word of God that
is still speaking,

P: Thanks be to God.

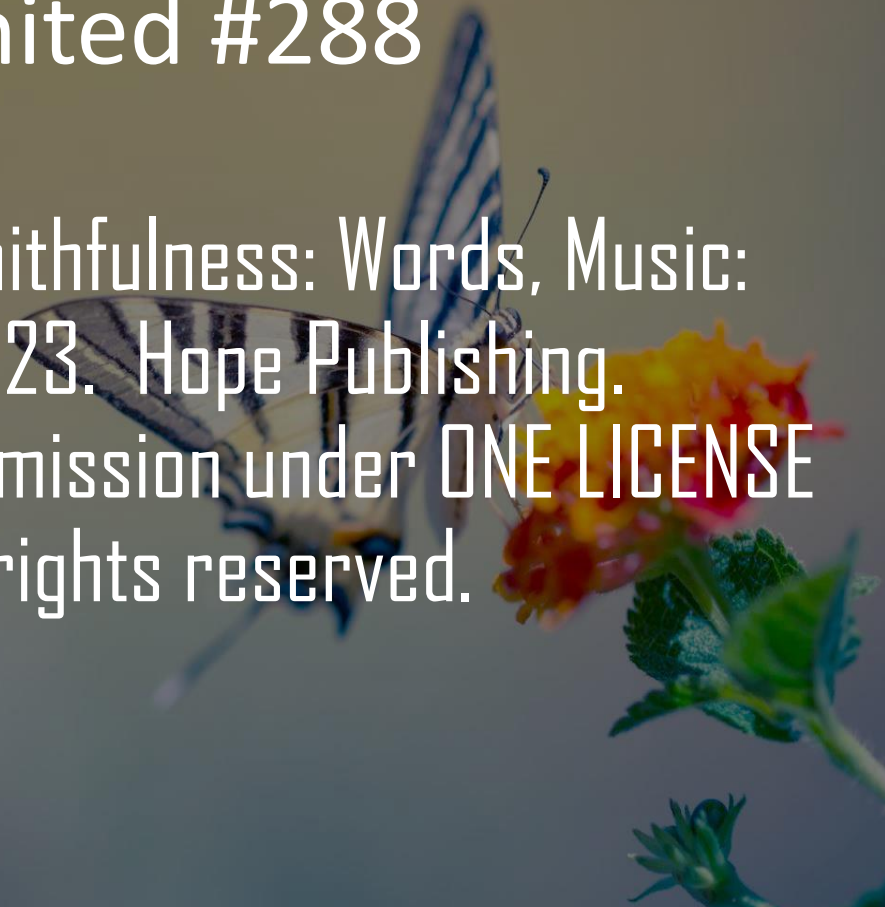
A person with long dark hair in a ponytail, wearing a white sweater, stands with their back to the camera. They are holding a dark-colored cup with both hands. In the foreground, there is a small blue pot on a portable stove. The background features a vast, misty mountain landscape with rolling hills and dense evergreen forests. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a soft glow and lens flare effects. The overall atmosphere is serene and contemplative.

Message

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Voices United #288

*VU # 288 Great Is Thy Faithfulness: Words, Music:
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A butterfly with yellow and black wings is perched on a yellow flower. The background is a soft, out-of-focus gradient of blue and green.

Great is thy faithfulness, God our Creator;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions,
they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Summer and winter
and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide,
strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow -
wondrous the portion thy blessings provide.
Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, ever to me!

(LV)

The Offering



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

Sung Dedication

Grant Us, God, the Grace

**Voices United #540*

*VU #540 Grant Us God, The Grace – Public Domain

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

(LV)

A green palm frond cross is centered on a dark, textured background. The cross is made of two long, flat, green palm fronds intersecting at their centers. The fronds have a visible texture and some fraying at the ends. The word "Prayer" is written in white, sans-serif font, centered over the intersection of the cross.

Prayer

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Come Touch Our Hearts – Verses 1-2

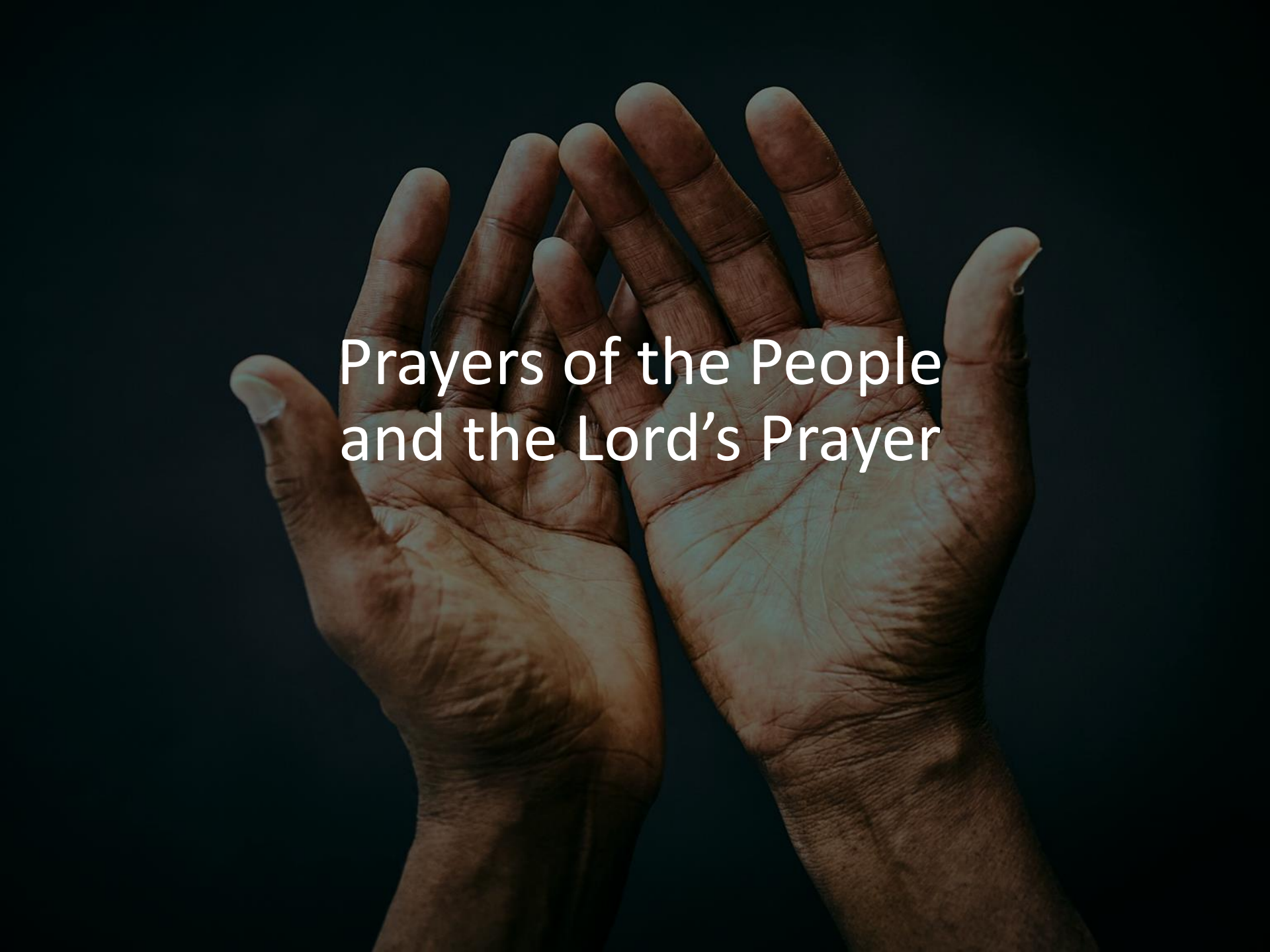
*More Voices #12

*MV #12 Come Touch Our Hearts: Words, Music:
Gordon Light 2002. Arrangement: Andrew Donaldson.
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Come touch our hearts
that we may know compassion,
from failing embers build a blazing fire;
love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Come touch our souls
that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

(LV)

A close-up photograph of two hands, palms facing each other, fingers spread, in a gesture of prayer or supplication. The hands are positioned centrally against a dark, almost black, background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the skin and the lines on the palms. The overall mood is solemn and reverent.

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 who 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.

Like a Healing Stream

*More Voices #144

* MV # 144 Like a Healing Stream - All 4 verses:
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Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit Water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives
as in a dream unfolding,
promising revival and rebirth...
like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil
to coax a new creation,
yearning for an end to want and need...
like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel
in a new direction,
calling for an end to hate and war...
like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons,
Spirit water with a love
both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts
to shape a new tomorrow;
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea, like a river strong,
like a gentle rain, like a healing stream.
(LV)

Commissioning and Blessing

P: We go to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our mind, with all our strength, and to love our neighbour as ourselves. Amen.

L: May the grace of Christ, the love of God, and the joy of the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. Amen.

A silhouette of a man and a young child walking away from the viewer on a beach. The man is holding the child's hand. They are walking towards a bright sunset or sunrise over the ocean, with a cloudy sky in shades of orange, yellow, and blue.

God, Take My Hand (Verses 1-2)

*Voices United #638

* VU #638 God, Take My Hand: Public Domain

God, take my hand
and lead me upon life's way;
direct, protect and feed me
from day to day.
Without your grace and favour
I go astray;
so take my hand,
O Saviour, and lead the way.

God, when the tempest rages,
I need not fear;
for you, the Rock of Ages,
are always near.

Close by your side abiding, I fear no foe,
for when your hand is guiding,
in peace I go.

(LV)



Sharing the Peace

MAY THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH YOU

.....

And also with you!

A top-down view of a white ceramic coffee cup filled with a latte, featuring a heart-shaped latte art design. The cup sits on a matching white saucer, both placed on a dark, textured wooden surface. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, partially covering the cup and the background.

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