



Strathmore United Church

Giving as Abundant Witness

August 22, 2021

Welcome and announcements:

Candle Lighting:

L: As we gather to worship, we light this candle to remember the light and love that Jesus shared with so many. He did not keep this light to himself. After Jesus died, his friends continued to share the light. For generations upon generations the light has been shared, and love continues; Jesus is still with us.

P: Today, in love, we welcome the light, the light of the world.

Call to Worship:

L: We live with such abundance.

P: Yet people go hungry every day and try to exist below the poverty line.

L: We have so many blessings.

P: Yet people try to sleep when they are cold, fearful, and unsafe.

L: We have been supplied with all the seed we need.

P: Yet people are limited based on their colour, race, creed, ability, identity, age, orientation, education and language.

L: God calls us to be a thankful people.

All: In this worship experience, may we be reminded that from our abundance we are called to love and serve others, reaching both inward and outward. This is a sacred invitation to be part of God's mission in all aspects of creation.


♪♪ Hymn: We Praise You, O God Our Redeemer *VU #218

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.**

- 2 We worship you, God of our mothers and fathers,
through trial and tempest, companion and guide.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
but faithful to your promise, you walk by our side.

Opening Prayer:


All Ages Theme Conversation:

 **Hymn:** *I Come with Joy* *VU #477

- 1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall
in love laid down for me,
in love laid down for me.
- 2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:8, 11-12

Message:

 **Hymn:** *We Give Our Thanks* *MV #187

We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God,
We give our thanks to God.

We give our hands to you,
We give our hands to you,
We give our hands to you,
because you reached for us.

We give our eyes to you,
We give our eyes to you,
We give our eyes to you,
because you looked for us.

We give our feet to you,
We give our feet to you,
We give our feet to you,
because you walked with us.

We give our hearts to you,
We give our hearts to you,
We give our hearts to you,
because you first loved us.

Prayers of the People:


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. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen

The Offering:

 **Offering Song:** We Give Thee but Thine Own *VU#543

1 We give thee but thine own,
what e'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone,
a trust, O God, from thee.

Prayer of Dedication:

 **Hymn:** Go Make a Diff'rence *MV #209

Refrain


Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

**Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.**

**We are the salt of the earth,
called to let the people see
the love of God for you and me.
We are the light of the world,
not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R.**

**We are the hands of Christ
reaching out to those in need,
the face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
we are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world. R.**

Sending Forth and Blessing:

** Postlude: Go Now in Peace, Guided By the Light *MV #211
Go now in peace, guided by the light of Christ,
So you may be nourished by the word of life.**

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