

*A warm welcome is extended to all, especially those who are worshipping with us for the first time, or who have returned after an absence. Your presence both enriches us and this time of celebration together. Welcome to worship on this day at:*

## **Strathmore United Church August 2019**

**Psalm 103  
Of David.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and all that is within me,  
bless his holy name.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and do not forget all his benefits—  
who forgives all your iniquity,  
who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the Pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,  
who satisfies you with good as long as you live  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

♪♪ Hymn sing: 10:15

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

♪♪ Centering Song: Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary **More Voices #18**

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
pure and holy tried and true;  
with thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.**

**Call to Worship:**

L: We scatter seeds on the ground.

**P: The soil nurtures them.**

L: We scatter seeds on the ground.

**P: The rain blesses them.**

L: We scatter the seeds on the ground.

**P: The sun warms and strengthens them.**

L: We are like seeds scattered on the ground.

**P: God nurtures, blesses, warms, and strengthens us.**

L: Let us worship the God who so loves us.

♪♪ Hymn:

**Gathering Prayer:**

**God, you touch our lives with mystery and hope. We come to this place today ready to see your power working through us. Help us to be open to your Word and to answer your call among us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**



**Story Time for all ages:**

♪♪ Hymn:

**Reading the Scripture:**

*L: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church!*

***P: Write these words in our hearts, dear God.***

**Message:**

**♪♪Music:**

*During this time of quiet meditation, you are invited to light prayer candles for people or places which are on your heart.*

**The Offering Invitation:**

*L: With a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart, we present our gifts to God.*

*The offering will now be received.*

**The Offering:**

**♪♪ Sung Dedication:**

What Can I Do?    **More Voices #191**

***What Can I do? What can I bring?***

***What can I say? What can I sing?***

***I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.***

***I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.***

**Prayer of Dedication:**

Loving God, may these gifts, given gratefully, be brought to life through the power of your creative Spirit. Multiply and use these gifts that the comforting and confronting Word of Jesus may be offered through this place and throughout the world. Amen.

**♪♪ Hymn:**

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying    **Voices United #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:**

**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**

**♪♪ Hymn:**

**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 our self. Amen.***

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

**♪♪ Choral Response:**

**When You Walk From Here **Voices United #298****

***When you walk from here,  
when you walk from here,  
walk with justice, walk with mercy,  
and with God's humble care.***

***† Passing the Peace of Christ***

***Peace be with you .....And also with you!***

***Please join us for Fair Trade coffee and fellowship in the library  
after the service!***