

*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 July 2019**

### **Psalm 63**

**A Psalm of David, when he was in the Wilderness of Judah.**

**O God, you are my God, I seek you,  
my soul thirsts for you;  
my flesh faints for you,  
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,  
beholding your power and glory.  
Because your steadfast love is better than life,  
my lips will praise you.  
So I will bless you as long as I live;  
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

**My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips  
when I think of you on my bed,  
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;  
for you have been my help,  
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.**

🎵 Hymn sing: 10:15

**Welcome and Announcements:**

**Lighting the Christ Candle:**

🎵 Centering Song:            *Gather Us In*            *More Voices #7*

Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, ground us in you.  
Gather us in, gather us in, ground us, ground us in you.

**Call to Worship:**

L: Jesus said: Love one another.

**P: We come to worship God who is love, that we may learn to love one another.**

L: Jesus said: No long do I call you servants; now I call you my friends.

**P: We come to worship God, whose friends we are in Christ.**

L: let us sing praise to God, and live in love and friendship; through Jesus Christ.

**P: Amen.**

🎵 Hymn:

**Gathering Prayer:**

**Author of life, you cast your glory all around us; you invade our sleep; you reveal yourself in ancient stories and in the give-and-take of common life. By the power of your Spirit, come to us now, for you have called us to this place. We pray in the name of Jesus, our hope, our confidence, and your beloved Son. Amen.**



**Story Time for all ages:**

🎵 Hymn:

**Reading the Scripture:**

*This is the Word of our Sacred Story ....*

**Thanks be to 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: Let us respond to God who has already reached out to us in love. Let us join together in our morning offering.*

**The Offering:**

**♪♪ Sung Dedication:**

We Give Thee But Thine Own      **Voices United #543**

**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.**

**May we thy bounties thus  
as stewards true receive,  
and gladly, as thou blessest us,  
to thee our first-fruits give.**

**Prayer of Dedication:**

**God of all peoples and God of all places, we present these offering that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries, that each of us may be part of your answer to the cries of 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: As we leave this place, let our words and our actions witness to the sacred in the midst of life, knowing that we walk with Christ.***

***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:**

Peace Be With You      **More Voices #215**

***Peace be with you,  
peace forever,  
Peace be with you my friends.  
Till we meet again,  
may God be with you.  
Peace, peace, peace***

***† 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!*