



Strathmore United Church
“From You Comes My Praise: Guide My Steps”
Fifth Sunday of Easter: Communion
May 2nd, 2021

Welcome and announcements:

♪♪ Hymn: I Danced in the Morning (chorus) *VU #352
Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

L: This is the call! Look to the skies be it rain or shine.

P: We lift up our heads to meet the day.

L: Look around and see that you do not dance alone.

P: We fortify our hearts with compassion and action.

L: If rain still lingers, open the umbrellas of praise and set out
anyway.

P: For we are called to dance again!

Hymn: VU 651 “Guide Me, O My Great Jehovah”

♪♪ Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah *VU #651

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

**Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**

Prayer:

A Story for All Ages: Children's time

"We offer thanks, for dreamers true

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for all they are and all they do

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Let us become dreamers too

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and bring new life to me and you

and bring new life to me and you!

Amen! Amen!

First Reading: *Psalm 22:25-31 (NRSV, adapted)*

Second Reading: *Acts 8:26-39 (NRSV, adapted)*

♪♪ Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King *VU #217

**1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
hallelujah, hallelujah!
Bright burning sun with golden beam,
soft shining moon with silver gleam,
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

**2 O rushing winds and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft,
sing praises, hallelujah!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice;
O lights of evening, find a voice:
sing praises, sing praises,
hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!**

Sermon:

Prayers of the People:

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **May our gratitude to you fill our days.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, O God, and restore our lives.**

Leader: Let us pray together...

People: **Come, Holy Spirit, come. Amen.**

The Offering:

♪♪ Sung Dedication: For the Gift of Creation *VU#538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
and the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.**

May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.

Prayer:

Communion:

♪♪ Hymn: Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face *VU #459

***1 Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.**

**2 Here would I feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**

Benediction:

And all God's people said,
"Amen!"

Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':

The peace of the risen Christ is with you!

And also with you!

Phone, email –connect with someone today and share the
Peace of Christ.

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