



Strathmore United Church

September 20th, 2020

Words of Welcome and announcements:

Psalm Reading: Psalm 105: 1-6, 37-45

Centering Song: Lead Me, God *VU#662

Lead me, God, lead me in your righteousness;
make your way plain before my face.
For it is you, and you, God only,
who makes me to dwell in safety.

Call to Worship:

L: We gather as followers of the Good Shepherd.

P: The Good Shepherd will lead us.

L: In times of certainty and calm,

P: The Good Shepherd will lead us.

L: In times of fear and doubt,

P: The Good Shepherd will lead us.

L: In times of trial and testing,

P: The Good Shepherd will lead us.

L: Ours for a lifetime, ours beyond a lifetime,

P: The Good Shepherd will lead us.

Hymn: Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet *VU#245

1 Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.
Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
praise the Lord in the city square,
praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.
Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
praise the Lord in the dark of night,
praise the Lord in the rain or snow
or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
praise the Lord on the highest hill,
praise the Lord, never let your voice be still.

- 2 Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.
Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.
Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
praise the Lord in the time of joy,
praise the Lord every moment,
nothing let your praise destroy.
Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
praise the Lord in your work or play,
praise the Lord everywhere in every way!

Gathering Prayer:

You are the God for us; the God who leads us to the peaceful place. You are the God who renews our strength. You are the God who has promised to guide us wisely and you are there for us when we feel the pressure. Your love will never leave us; you are the God for us! Amen.

♪♪ Hymn: Great Shepherd of Your People. *VU #398

- 1 Great Shepherd of your people, hear!
your presence now display;
as you have given a place for prayer,
so give us hearts to pray.
- 2 Within these walls let holy peace
and love and friendship dwell;
here give the troubled conscience ease,
the wounded spirit heal.

Scripture & Message:

Luke 4:14-30

🎵 Hymn: Live Into Hope *VU #699

- 1 Live into hope of captives freed,
of sight regained, the end of greed.
The oppressed shall be the first to see
the year of God's own jubilee!**

- 2 Live into hope the blind shall see
with insight and with clarity,
removing shades of pride and fear,
a vision of our God brought near.**

Minute for Mission:

The Offering: With grateful hearts, we share God's abundant blessing with others. As you are able, please offer your prayers for those in our community and those further afield. Financially, you may support the church and its various missions by mailing in your offering donation, signing up for Pre-Authorized Remittance (PAR), by e-transfer from your financial institution or by clicking the donation button on the church web page.

Sung Dedication: In Loving Partnership We Come *VU#603
**In loving partnership we come,
seeking, O God, your will to do.
Our prayers and actions now receive;
we freely offer them to you.**

Prayer of Dedication:

**Accept the gifts we bring: our time, our talent, our treasure.
May they be your light and your love to those who are
touched by them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

♪♪ Hymn Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *VU#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 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.

♪♪ Hymn: Bless Now, O God, the Journey *VU #633

- 1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,
the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.**

- 2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way,
whose hope burns through the terrors,
whose love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound.
Together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.**

Commissioning and Blessing:

Choral Response: Wherever You May Go (refrain) *MV#216

Wherever you may go, I will follow,
and your people shall be my people too.
Wherever you may go, I will follow,
for I would be faithful, loyal and true.

Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':

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

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