

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hy the Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

403-10th Street, Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost, July 23, 2023

Hymn Books: *MV = More Voices ~ VU = Voices United*

Please join in reading aloud the text in **Bold**

Service Leader: Darrell Hommy

Pianist: Esther Johnstone

God Invites Us to Gather

Welcome

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

Our God knows us, knows our thoughts and the very words we will use to express them.

We cannot hide from God, for even darkness is light in God's eye.

We are known from the inside to the outside, before we are born and beyond death.

God searches us, knows us, tests us and loves us.

Every aspect of humankind is familiar to God, who treasures every moment of our lives.

We are a mystery, a wonder of creation, and the beloved children of the Holy One. Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer

Creator of the cosmos, in this time of growth and fruitfulness, we thank you for life, with all its challenges, surprises, troubles and delights. We thank you for each new day, with the promise of time, companionship, events to experience and hope to cherish. We thank you for walking with us through life, and we thank you for showing us what life can be by embodying yourself in Jesus. We thank you that we are not alone in this

wilderness walk, for your Spirit lives with us, around us and within us. As we set aside this time to worship you, to reconnect with each other, and to recommit ourselves to the peace and healing of your world, fill us with your passion and energy, in the name of Jesus, your child. Amen.

Hymn: VU # 377 - Holy Spirit, Hear Us

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

Prayer for Transformation Assurance of Grace

Theme Time

Hymn VU # 242 - Let All Things Now Living

Please be seated

We Listen for God's Voice

Loving God, you speak to us in so many ways.

Speak to us now through the reading of the scriptures.

Scripture readings: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 and Psalm 86:11-17

This is the trustworthy witness of God's faithful people through the ages,

The divine word to us today. Amen.

Sermon: Brenda Watt

"Out Dang Flaws: Let's Play Together."

Hymn: VU # 503 – We Have This Ministry

Please be seated

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Minute for Mission: Ecumenical Youth Leadership

Invitation to the Offering:

Offering Response: VU # 537 Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands

Prayer of Dedication

From your hand, O God, we have received a generous portion of the goods that sustain life, enrich human experience, bring healing and renew spiritual life. Let these offerings serve you, your people and your kingdom, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Hymn VU # 296 - This is God's Wondrous World

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

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