

**Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge**

United Church of Canada

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**Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, July 30, 2023**

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

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

**Service Leader: Darrell Hommy**

**Pianist: Shirley Preuss**

***God Invites Us to Gather***

Welcome

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

The Lord be with you

**And with your spirit**

This is the day the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who has made heaven and earth**

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, whose greatness is unsearchable, we bless  
your name for ever and ever

**We praise you God our Maker**

We are in awe of your wondrous works and sing aloud of  
your righteousness.

**We praise you, God our Maker**

We give thanks that you are gracious and merciful, slow to  
anger and abounding in steadfast love

**We praise you God our Maker**

**Hymn:** VU # 412 – This is the Day

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

Prayer for Transformation  
Reconciling God,  
Hear the longing of our hearts to be better people  
Grant us your forgiveness for the wrongs we have done

...things we have said which have hurt others  
...things we have done which have damaged the world  
around us  
...things we have thought which have betrayed you  
Lord have mercy upon us

**Lord have mercy upon us  
Christ have mercy upon us  
Lord have mercy upon us**

Theme Time

**Hymn** MV # 183 – Shout Out Your Love!

***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: Matthew 13:31-33, 44–52

This is the trustworthy witness of God's faithful people  
through the ages,  
**The divine word to us today. Amen.**

**Sermon:** Rev. Michelle Slater  
*"The Reign of God: An Invasive, Relentless Weed."*

**Hymn:** MV # 18 – Lord Prepare Me

***God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope***

**Minute for Mission:** Learning the Gospel at Camp

**Invitation to the Offering:**

Offering Response:  
VU # 218 – We Praise You, O God (Verse 1)

**Prayer of Dedication**  
**For these gifts O God, which help make the world a  
better place, we give thanks. May they continue to bless  
the world as we have been blessed. Thank you. Thank  
you. Thank you!**

Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer**

Lord's Prayer

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

***We Go into the World to Share God's Love***

**Sending Forth**

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