

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada  
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**Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost, November 05, 2023**

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## WELCOME

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** (Celebration Sunday, Everyone in the Congregation announce something they are grateful for or are celebrating today)

## LIGHTING OF CANDLES

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (Inspired by Psalm 107:1–7, 33–37 (VU pp. 831–832)

Leader: Let us gather to give thanks to God for his grace upon us.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us gather to praise God for leading us in the right ways and for provisions of food and shelter.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Leader: Let us gather to worship our God for his outpouring of love for his creation.

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN: MV # 6** "Holy Spirit, Come into Our Lives."

## OPENING PRAYER

## PRAYER OF TRANSFORMATION (in Unison)

**God, we criticize and reject people rather than loving and accepting them. We overburden people, we seek status and popularity, we elevate religion over our right actions and sometimes become full of ourselves. We ask that you grant us a humbling and discerning spirit, to humble ourselves as you humbled yourself, to serve others as you served and to love as you loved. Amen!**

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Friends, God helps us change our perspectives of seeing and doing things. God sees deep in our hearts our hypocrisy and grants us sufficient grace to overcome human weakness. If we open ourselves to Christ, he will help us follow his example of servanthood, humility, and love. Thanks be to God. Amen!

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Let us greet one another with words of peace.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you,

**All: And, with you.**

## CHILDREN'S TIME:

**\*\*CHILDREN'S HYMN: MV # 104** "Know That God is Good."

**English:** Know that God is good, know that God is good, know that God is good.

**Swahili :** Mungu ni Mwema, Mungu ni mwema, Mungu ni mwema, ni mwema, ni mwema.

**Luganda :** Katonda mulungi, katonda mulungi, katonda mulungi, mulungi, mulungi

**Kiimeru** : murungu numwega, murungu numwega, murungu numwega, numwega, numwega.

In scripture God speaks to each of us. Listen for the voice of God.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Matthew 23:1-12

The word of God to us, God's people.

**REFLECTION:** "LEAD BY EXAMPLE"

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 595 We Are Pilgrims."

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** Anti-Racism Learning, Reflection, and Action

**INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

Let us give thanks to God for the gifts we receive.

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** VU # 593 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love."

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (in unison)

**Providing God, we offer worship in different ways. One of the ways is to offer our resources in the form of tithes, gifts, and talents. We ask that you help us generously offer not because it is a practiced rule but as our expression of your love through serving others. We pray through Christ, Amen!**

**PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us join in the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, so we pray:

**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.**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil:**

**for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

**\*\*CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 216 "Wherever You May Go."

**BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

Leader: Go out in faith, God's presence and guidance are yours to enjoy wherever you go.

**All: We are not alone. Thanks be to God!**

