

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in 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.**

**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:** VU # 424 "May the God of Hope go with  
Us."

## BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge

United Church of Canada

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**Fifth Sunday After Epiphany**

**February 4, 2024**

**MINISTER:** Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

**PIANIST:** [B] Shirley Preuss

**WELCOME**



**LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** [adopted from Psalm 147:1-11]

Leader: We gather with Psalms delightfully singing praises as we pour out our hearts to God.

**All: We gather with praises to worship the one who gathers us in.**

Leader: Let us center ourselves to praise the healer of our brokenness.

**All: We gather to ground ourselves to the one who binds our wounds.**

Leader: Let us centre ourselves to God's wisdom and sing with thanksgiving.

**All: We gather with music and all the instruments as we allow all that is in us to worship God.**

## **OPENING PRAYER:**

**\*\*OPENING HYMN:** MV # 12 "Come Touch our Hearts."

**A NEW CREED: VU # 918** [in unison]

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.**

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

## **CHILDREN'S TIME:**

**\*\*CHILDREN'S HYMN:** VU # 270 "Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands."

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** [in unison]

**Touching and healing Lord, help us to hear your wisdom from the stories we read and listen to. We pray that you help us become instruments of healing so that the proclamation of the good news may reach out to the world and grace the creation. We ask this through Christ our healer. Amen!**

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

**SCRIPTURE READING:** MARK 1:29-39

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

**REFLECTION:** "THE POWER OF TOUCH"

**\*\*HYMN:** VU # 670 "Precious Lord, Take my Hand."

**MINUTE FOR MISSION:** Lessons of Racism Learned When Young

## **INVITATION FOR OFFERING**

We are invited to generously offer our gifts for the healing of our communities and the world.

**\*\*OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 191 "What Can I Do."

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** [in unison]

**Healing God, we present our gifts with thanksgiving knowing that they will be of great help in transforming the world and touching the hearts of the people who receive these gifts. Help us collectively and entirely to cheer in giving and receiving. Amen!**

## **PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE**

VU # 400 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

[Sung before prayer]

