

Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
403-10th Street
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0
Trinity Sunday, May 26, 2024
Red Willow Camp

MINISTER: Rev. Dr. Dorcas Kanana Muketha

Music: Cathy, Keith, and Shirley

PRELUDE: MV # 163 “River Running in You and Me”

WELCOME

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Leader: Dear Lord, we are surrounded by nature, with the wind bringing whispers of hope all around us. The green plants springing up remind us of new life, and the flowing river reminds us that life is like a river. We light this candle to remind us of God's love for creation.

[Silence - allow the spirit to ground you in awe]

Leader: May God the Father, the Son & the Holy Spirit help us to always look up to God for peace and healing for the world.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us come to a place of nourishment and refinement,

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All: the place of abundance, calmness, and refreshment.

Leader: Together, let us gather to experience peace that flows like a river.

All: Let us harmonize with the rhythms of nature. Let us feel the presence of each other, witness the gentle sway of trees and the soothing melodies from rustling leaves, listen to the birds, and breathe in the fragrant essence of nature.

Leader: Let us attentively listen to the Trinity's echoes, a gentle and reverent invitation for us to enter worship.

****OPENING HYMN:** MV # 3 “River.”

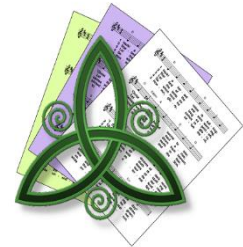
1. *“River, rush-a-down to the ocean blue,
River, from a mountain high.
River, as you do what rivers do,
River, draw the Spirit nigh.*

2. *Spirit, come-a-down to the
riverside,
Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.
Spirit, I am free for you to guide,
Spirit, pray that I be taught!*

3. *Water, let me drink of your healing pow’r,
Water, strength and life you give.
Water, as I travel with each hour,
Water, help my body live.*

4. *River, flow-a-down where you ran before,
River, source of clearer view.
River, as I walk your rocky shore,
River, see my journey through.*

See my journey through...”



OPENING PRAYER

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us join in the Lord's Prayer:

**Our Father and Mother, 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.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION [in unison]

Creating God, source of wisdom and giver of life, we ask that you touch us with your burning presence, inspiring the word of truth. Ground us in you and bring us to a loving community that hears and recognizes your prophetic call and responds accordingly. Surround us with the power of the Holy Spirit to witness your wondrous acts of compassion. Amen!

CHILDREN'S TIME:

****CHILDREN'S HYMN:** VU # 577 "I've Got Peace Like a River."

*1 "I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in- my soul,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in- my soul.*

*2 I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in- my soul,*

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*I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in-my soul.*

*3 I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in- my soul,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in- my soul."*

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

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:12-17

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

REFLECTION: "WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO DO OR BE?"

****HYMN:** VU # 509 "Here I am, Lord."

I, "the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry. All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"

Refrain: *Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain, I have wept for love of them; they turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

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I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame, I will set a feast for them; my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? "

PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE CONFIRMATION

Acts of confirmation or reaffirmation of faith are not acts of rebaptism.

Statement about Renewal of Baptismal Faith

At various moments on the journey of our life in Christ, we reaffirm and renew the faith proclaimed in baptism.

As those who have been baptized profess for themselves the faith of the Christian community in which they have been nurtured, we gather to reaffirm the power of the holy spirit and to celebrate the place of Kevin Damon LeDrew, Tristian Aaron David Nichols, & Theophilus Mwiti Kaberia in the people of God. We give thanks for their gifts as witnessed in this community of faith and promise to continue walking with them.

With joy and thanksgiving, we celebrate the faith we all share — and rededicate ourselves to the life and work of the body of Christ.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:4-6

Presentation of Candidates (Stewart Bowen WUC Chairperson & Cathy Given - BUC Board Vice-Chairperson)

I invite Kevin Damon LeDrew, Tristian Aaron David Nichols, & Theophilus Mwiti Kaberia who seeks to confirm the faith proclaimed in his baptism to come forward.

Mentors (Stewart Bowen & Cathy Given)

On behalf of the congregation of Wembley & Beaverlodge United Church, we present Kevin Damon LeDrew, Tristian, &

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Theophilus Mwiti Kaberia — who seeks to confirm the faith proclaimed in their baptism.

Mentors and the candidates if they wish, are invited to deliver a brief speech about their experiences with faith and their gift.

Profession of Faith and Promises

Do you believe in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Candidates: I do, by the grace of God.

Will you follow in the way of Jesus Christ, resisting oppression and evil, seeking justice, and witnessing God's love for all creation?

Candidates: I will, God being my helper.

Will you join with your sisters and brothers in these communities of faith to celebrate God's presence, live with respect in creation, and love and serve others?

Candidates: I will, God being my helper.

Commitment of Mentors

As a mentor of these candidates, will you continue to support and encourage them in their Christian life and discipleship?

Mentors: I will, God being my helper.

Prayer of thanksgiving and the Pouring of Water into the font

Let us pray: We thank you Lord for the gift of water and the gift of life within it. Through baptism you give us new life, renewal by the Holy Spirit. May this water be our reminder of your power over life. Amen!

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Candidate's light candles:

Kevin, Tristian, and Theophilus, may the power of the Holy Trinity fortify and lead you to uphold the flame of faith, illuminating the path for others to follow. Amen!

Laying on of Hands *(the congregants and minister say the words together as hands are placed on the candidate's head — as a symbol of the bestowal of the power of the Holy Spirit in their life.)*

Kevin, Tristian, & Theophilus, the power of the Holy Spirit works within you so that being born of water and the Spirit, you may continue to be a faithful witness of Jesus Christ's illuminating light before others. Amen.

***Congregational Commitment** (responsively)

Leader: People of the church let's pledge our continued support and care to Kevin, Tristian and Theophilus.

We will continue to support them, walk with them, and grow with them. With God's help, we will live out our baptism as a loving community in Jesus Christ: nurturing one another in faith, upholding one another in prayer, encouraging one another in God's work.

Commissioning and Presentation of Gift/Certificate

Kevin, Tristian, & Theophilus, receive this Gift/Certificate, and with your sisters and brothers in Christ, continue to grow in faith, trusting in God's love.

Reaffirmation of Faith

Congregation members who wish to reaffirm their baptismal faith.

By our baptism, we are made members of Christ's church. We exercise this membership in the denomination to which we

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belong, which for us is The United Church of Canada, and within the context of a local community of faith.

We now welcome those who are already members of the church of Jesus Christ — already members of Beaverlodge-Wembley United Church — who've chosen to reaffirm their faith on this day.

Let us now, as a congregation and community of faith, reaffirm our baptism. [Ritual of water and green leafy plants]

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen!

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!**

MINUTE FOR MISSION: “Your Generosity Is Refreshing”

INVITATION FOR OFFERING

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****OFFERING HYMN:** MV # 189 “Jesus, We are Here.”

Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
Jesus, we are here;
we are here for you.

Jesu tawapano;
Jesu tawapano;
Jesu tawapano;
Tawapano, muzitarenyu.

Yesu, tuko Hapa;
Yesu, tuko hapa ;
Yesu, tuko hapa ;
Tuko hapa kwa ajili yako.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (in unison)

Dear God, we acknowledge you as the generous provider of all good things, and we are grateful for your abundance. Please accept our offerings and our commitment to share with others. Help us to make a positive impact on the world through these gifts. Guide us to be responsible stewards and

active partners in your creation. We pray in the name of the Trinity. Amen!

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****CLOSING HYMN:** MV # 161 “I Have Called you By Your Name.”

1. “I have called you by your name, you are mine. I have gifted you and ask you now to shine. I will not abandon you; all my promises are true. You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

2. I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus’ body given long ago.

3. I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation’s ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus’ robe, then let it go.

4. I have given you a name, it is mine; I have given you my Spirit as a sign. With my wonder in your soul, make my wounded children whole; go and tell my precious people they are mine.”

BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

