



Beaverlodge-Wembley-Hythe Pastoral Charge
United Church of Canada
August 9 – Eleventh after Pentecost

All Are Welcome

Service Leader: Brent Cage
Pianist: Videos (B)

Hymn Books: MV = More Voices ~ VU = Voices United
Please join in reading aloud the text in Bold
**Please Stand

Welcome

Life of the Church Community (Announcements)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

We light this candle to remind us
that God sends Christ to be a light to our path. Amen.

Call to Worship

Let those who seek God be joyful in heart!
Turn to the Holy One, your source of strength!
We give thanks to you, O God!
We delight in your Holy Name!

Sing the wonders God has done,
Whose Word covers all the earth!

Opening Prayer

****Hymn:** VU # 509 - Here I Am, Lord

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.

Prayer for Transformation

Theme Time

****Hymn:** VU # 675 - Will Your Anchor Hold
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.

Focus Scripture: Matthew 14:22-33 (Common English Bible)

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

Sermon: Rev. Scott Reynolds "Our Faithfully Abnormal Days"

****Hymn:** MV # 12 - Come Touch Our Hearts

God Invites Us to Respond in Faith and Hope

Mission and Service: A Girls' School that Grows

Invitation to the Offering

****Offering Response:** VU # 541 – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

****Prayer of Dedication**

God of righteousness and hope, these gifts represent dreams. We offer our dreams of a world where those who have much do not have too much, and those who have little do not have too little. We dream of a world where those who are filled with bullying and resentment do not have the power to harm the vulnerable. We dream of a world transformed by your generous love. Let these gifts become transformation for those who dream. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (found on VU p.921)

****Hymn:** VU # 506 - Take My Life and Let It Be

We Go into the World to Share God's Love

Sending Forth

The storm is strong, but Christ is with us.

May we still our fear in the face of danger.

The waters are deep, but we have one another.

May we journey together in hope.

Our faith is small, but it is enough for today.

Let us do what we can with what we are given. Amen.

Blessing

Now ends our time of worship

And begins our time of service. Amen

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