

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
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WELCOME to our service this morning!

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS *STONY PLAIN – Please stay for Lunch today! Thanks to the UCW!*

WE GATHER TOGETHER BEFORE GOD
on traditional territory of Treaty Six Peoples and of the Métis Nation

CALL TO WORSHIP

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

HYMN: MV #162 “Christ, within Us Hidden”

Verse 1

Christ, within us hidden. Christ, in all and each.
Christ, who comes unbidden. Christ, within our reach.

Verse 2: Christ, born in our stable, Christ, our daily bread.
Christ, host at our table. Christ, the hungry fed.

Verse 3: Christ, in friendship’s sharing Christ, in stranger’s face,
Christ, reborn in caring. Christ, in love’s embrace.

Verse 4: Christ, in bodies broken, Love new crucified.
Christ, the Word new spoken, death by love defied.

Verse 5: Christ, in love recovered. Christ, in hope revealed.
Christ, in faith discovered. Christ in tombs unsealed.

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Unison)

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

AND LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD FOR OUR LIVES

GIFT OF MUSIC: Choir "Every Day is a Gift From the Lord"

Words: Nancy Price and Don Besig. Music: Don Besig

THEME TIME

HYMN: VU #401 "Worship the Lord"

REFRAIN:

**Worship the Lord (worship the Lord), worship the Father, the Spirit, the Son,
raising our hands (raising our hands) in devotion to God who is one!**

Verse 1: Raising our hands as a sign of rejoicing, and with our lips our togetherness voicing, giving ourselves to a life of creativeness, worship and work must be one!

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Verse 2: Praying and training that we be a blessing, and by our handiwork daily confessing; we are committed to serving humanity worship and work must be one!

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Verse 3: Called to be partners with God in creation, honouring Christ as the Lord of the nation, we must be ready for risk and for sacrifice, worship and work must be one!

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Verse 4: Bringing the bread and the wine to the table, asking that we may be led and enabled, truly united to build new communities, worship and work must be one!

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Verse 5: Now in response to the life you are giving, help us, Creator, to offer our living, seeking a just and a healing society, worship and work must be one!

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS: Acts 3:12-19

GOSPEL LESSON:**Luke 24:36b-48****REFLECTION: “Moving Past Our Fears” By Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra (Recorded)****HYMN: MV #171 “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours”****REFRAIN: Christ has no body now but yours, no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work, to serve with the joy of compassion.****Verse 1:** No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope of the people of God.**REFRAIN****Verse 2:** No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy of the city of God.**REFRAIN****Verse 3:** No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
To walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace for the children of God.**REFRAIN****Verse 4:** Through ev'ry gift, give back to those in need:
As Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
With ev'ry gift a benediction, be to the people of God.**REFRAIN**

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION**INVITATION TO GIVE****OFFERTORY: VU #539 “God of All Good” Verse 3 (Tune VU #501)**Maker, whose bounty all creation shows, Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live,
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows, to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

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DEDICATION OF GIFTS (Unison)**God, you are the giver of every good gift. Accept these offerings we pray, that through them we may do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with you, our Guide, and our God. Amen.****AND WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD****SENDING HYMN: VU #599 “Living Christ, Bring Us Love”**

Verse 1

Living Christ, bring us love, love for every stranger;
 Living Christ, bring us love, love from cross and manger.

Verse 2: Living Christ, bring us joy, joy of earth and heaven;
 Living Christ, bring us joy, joy of sin forgiven.

Verse 3: Living Christ, bring us peace, peace with God and neighbour;
 Living Christ, bring us peace, peace in all our labour.

Verse 4: Living Christ, bring us love, love shared at your table;
 Living Christ, bring us love, love from cross and stable.

Verse 5: Living Christ, lead us out, out to tell the story;
 Living Christ, lead us out, out to show your glory.

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CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US**COMMISSIONING****BLESSING****SUNG RESPONSE:****VU #556 “Would You Bless Our Homes and Families” Verse 3****Verse 3**

From the homes in which we're nurtured, with the love that shapes us there,
 teach us, God, to claim as family every one whose life we share.
 And through all that life may offer, may we in your love remain;
 may the love we share in families be alive to praise your name.

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MUSICAL POSTLUDE

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

As we come together, we respectfully acknowledge that we are on Treaty 6 territory of Alberta, Regions 2, 3 and 4 within the historical Northwest Métis Homeland. .
 We honour all the many First Nations, Métis, and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for centuries. We recognize that many have come throughout the years to make this place their home. As treaty People, Indigenous and non-Indigenous, we share the responsibility of finding authentic ways to ensure that the spirit of Reconciliation and Treaty 6 is honoured and respected.

ANNOUNCEMENTS APRIL 14, 2024

LUNCH SUNDAY APRIL 14, 2024: Thanks to the UCW for providing Lunch at Stony today.

MONDAY, APRIL 15: Men's Club – Dinner at 5:30, Meeting at 7:00 pm

MEW: KEEPHILLS HALL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Keephills Hall is having another pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 28, 2024 from 8:30 – 11:30 a.m. Attend church at 9:00 and then go enjoy pancakes, sausages and all the trimmings. Special guests are Sparky the mascot and Parkland Fire Services who will be handing out goodies. Advance tickets prices are \$10.00/adult, under 12 \$5.00. Tickets at the door are \$15.00/adult. Hope you can make it out.

CHOCOLATE/MUSIC NIGHT FRIDAY APRIL 19:

A CHOCOLATE BUFFET built around a FOUNTAIN of melted chocolate, toe tapping LIVE MUSIC, and 5 fabulous DOOR PRIZES!!! Friday April 19th is a catering event fundraiser for the church with a variety of live performances, delicious array of chocolate treats and a chance at 5 great door prizes! Questions or info? Tickets (youth 13-16 are \$20, adult 16+ \$35) available at the office during the week (cash or cheque), in the atrium before and after service (cash, debit, credit, e-transfer or cheque) or online at eventbrite.com all the time (no added fees) DRESS TO IMPRESS!

REMINDER: STONY PLAIN AGM SUNDAY APRIL 21: The Annual General Meeting for Stony Plain United Church will be on Sunday, April 21 after church.

PASSING ON YOUR CONCERNS: If you know of anyone who would like a visit or needs a card, please call the Church Office (780 963-4745) or email stonyuc@telus.net.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Ukulele Group	Wednesdays, 6:15 pm
Choir	Wednesdays, 7 pm
Card Recreators:	Thursdays, 10 am

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Sunday, April 14	Stony Plain Lunch Sunday (Thanks, UCW!)
Monday April 15	5:30 Men's Club Dinner & Meeting
Friday April 19	Live Music & Chocolate Night
Sunday Apr 21	Stony Plain AGM after church