

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH**  
**SEASON OF CREATION #5 – OCTOBER 06, 2024**  
**WORLDWIDE COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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**WELCOME to our service this morning!**

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### **MUSICAL PRELUDE**

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### **SHARING THE PEACE**

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

### **CALL TO WORSHIP (*Unison*)**

**We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,  
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.  
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.  
We praise God's name! Amen!**

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### **GATHERING PRAYER**

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### **LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE (*Responsive*)**

Our dialogue with you, Gracious God, is shaped by our praise, needs and wants; you listen and you acknowledge.

**Our service is lived as you shape us by your mercy and compassion revealed in the life of Christ.**

We light this candle, acknowledging the presence of Christ with us,  
in worship and daily discipleship.

~ Written by Bill Perry. Gathering Pentecost 2 2018, page 31. Adapted. Used with permission.

**HYMN: VU #213 “Rejoice, the Lord is King”****Verse 1**

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your risen Lord adore!  
 Rejoice, give thanks and sing and triumph evermore.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

**Verse 2:** Jesus the Saviour reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 when he had purged our sins, he took his seat above.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

**Verse 3:** God’s kingdom cannot fail; Christ rules o’er earth and heaven;  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.  
 Lift up your heart, lift up your voice: rejoice; again I say, rejoice!

**Verse 4:** Rejoice in glorious hope, for Christ, the judge, shall come  
 to glorify the saints for their eternal home.  
 We soon shall hear the archangel’s voice; the trump of God shall sound, rejoice!

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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.**

**LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD FOR OUR LIVES****SP: GIFT OF MUSIC: Choir “We are One in the Lord”**

Words and Music by Joseph M. Martin

**THEME TIME****HYMN: MV #133 “Jesus Laughed Out Loud”****Verse 1:**

Jesus laughed out loud to see the children play;  
 his joyful presence drew a crowd we could not send away.

**Verse 2:** Jesus healed a child by asking her to rise;  
 And doubtful people wept and smiled to see her open eyes.

**Verse 3:** Jesus felt the need; we made the crowd sit down.  
 A boy had faith and all were fed, though we were far from town.

**Verse 4:** Jesus climbed a hill to pray and rest alone;  
 We wondered why we felt the chill of wind and wood and stone.

**Verse 5:** Jesus called my name when he was passing by;  
My life will never be the same; this love will never die.

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

~ Written by Susan Luckey Gathering, Pentecost 2 2018, page 39. Used with permission.

## SCRIPTURE READINGS: SP Reader: Percy Janke

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**READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:** Hebrews 2:5-12  
**GOSPEL LESSON:** Mark 10:13-16

**REFLECTION:** “Age Doesn’t Matter” by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

## THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

## INVITATION TO GIVE

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## OFFERTORY: VU #307 “Touch the Earth Lightly” Verse 4

God of all living, God of all loving, God of the seedling, the snow and the sun,  
teach us, deflect us, Christ reconnect us, using us gently and making us one.

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## DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*Unison*)

May the offerings brought this day be used as seeds,  
planted faithfully and nurtured lovingly  
so that God’s way may be realized anew in this world.  
Grant us the humility we need to plant and then tend your precious garden. Amen.

~ Written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on Liturgy Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>  
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## HYMN: MV #194 “Bread of Life, Feed My Soul”

### Verse 1

Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.

**Verse 2:** I have heard your voice calling, “Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care.”

**Verse 3:** Bread of life, help me live a life as pure and true as Jesus did.  
Bread of life, help me see the boundless love of Christ for you and me.

**Verse 4:** I have heard your voice calling, “Come, my friend, and share  
in the feast that is laid out for you to show how much I care.”

**Verse 5:** Bread of life, feed my soul, as the presence of the Spirit makes me whole.  
Bread of life, fill my heart with the grace and mercy you impart.

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## INVITATION TO THE TABLE

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## GREAT THANKSGIVING

### **Responsive**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The prayer continues in one voice.*

### **In unison**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The prayer continues in one voice.*

### **In unison**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues in one voice.*

### **Responsive**

Where there is lack of regard for your creation

**Prod us to speak up.**

Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

**Open blind eyes.**

Where there is silence about others being hurt,

**Impassion us with a desire for justice.**

Lord, your creation groans under abuse.

**Renew the earth with goodness.**

Your children are starving across this globe. \*To those who hunger

**Give bread.**

And to those who have bread

**Give hunger for justice.**

People languish in prisons, Some unjustly, Some without repentance, And some for standing up for your Way.

**Release the captives,**

Lord. O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands take bribes and afflict their peoples.

**Topple oppressive powers with your rule and send the rich empty away.**

Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

**Send us to be your servants in service to the world.**

The sick suffer forgotten in pain

**Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.**

People have solicited our prayers And others needing our prayers weigh heavy on our hearts So we offer these, our prayers to you. Amen.

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## **THE BREAD IS BROKEN AND THE CUP IS POURED**

### **BREAD AND CUP ARE SHARED**

#### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*Unison*)**

**Help us rise in your resurrection power from this table where you, the Ruler of the Universe, have served us by your own hand, that we may extend your arms of peace to a world at war. This we ask through Christ, in Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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## **WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD**

### **CLOSING HYMN: VU #707 “For the Faithful Who Have Answered”**

**Verse 1:** For the faithful who have answered when they heard your call to serve,  
for the many ways you led them testing will and stretching nerve,  
for their work and for their witness as they strove against the odds,  
for their courage and obedience we give thanks and praise, O God.

**Verse 2:** Many eyes have glimpsed the promise, many hearts have yearned to see.  
Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty.  
Some have fallen in the struggle, others still are fighting on.  
You are not ashamed to own us. We give thanks and praise, O God.

**Verse 3:** For this cloud of faithful witness, for the common life we share,  
for the work of peace and justice, for the gospel that we bear,  
for the vision that our homeland is your love – deep, high, and broad –  
for the different roads we travel we give thanks and praise, O God

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## **CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US**

### **COMMISSIONING**

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## **BENEDICTION**

### **SUNG RESPONSE: VU #416 “Forth in Your Name, O Christ” Verse 1**

Forth in your name, O Christ, we go, our daily labour to pursue,  
you, only you, resolved to know in all we think or speak, or do.

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**MUSICAL POSTLUDE**

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**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 OCTOBER 06, 2024**

**MORE INFO ABOUT THE HARVEST FEAST FRIDAY, OCT 25, 2024:** Our Annual Harvest Feast will take place Friday, Oct 25, 2024 from 5 to 6 pm with doors open at 4:30. This year, we are having roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, salads, vegetables and much more, including pie for dessert. Tickets are \$25.00 for adults, \$10.00 for Children 6 to 11, Free for kids 5 and under. Tickets are available in advance from the Church Office. This event requires many helping hands, so there are sign-up sheets in the foyer. If you can contribute food items and/or your help with the preparations, serving, clean-up, please sign up!

**OCTOBER IS REHOBOTH'S ANNUAL DONATION DRIVE!** We invite you to become a “**Friend of Rehoboth**” and partner with our ministry of supporting persons with developmental disabilities to *flourish*. Donations of any size are greatly appreciated and help us to grow our reach. Look for more information in your mail slot or from your canvasser, Linda Maki. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available through <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/> Thank you for your prayerful consideration.

**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](mailto:stonyuc@telus.net).

**WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

Ukuleles & Choir  
Card Recreators:

Wednesdays: Ukes 6:15; Choir 7:00 pm  
Thursdays, 10 am

**MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

Sat. Oct 5  
Fri. Oct 25  
Mon Nov 4

MEW Bottle Drive  
SP Harvest Feast  
6 pm Commercial Kitchen Workshop