

**STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH**  
**OCTOBER 05, 2025**  
**CREATION 4 AND WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

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**WELCOME to our service this morning!**

*We thank Rev. Deborah for preparing the service for us today.  
She is in person today (at Devon) for the first time since her surgery!*

**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**SP: LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ Submitted by Rev. Nora Vedress, Calvary United Church in Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, Canada. Posted on <https://re-worship.blogspot.com> Used with permission.

**LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**

**GATHERING PRAYER (*Unison*)**

**Loving and merciful God, we are surrounded by your presence in all creation and reminded of your love through its beauty. Touch us with your spirit as we worship here, and fill us with the Spirit's joy and energy in our lives, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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**HYMN: MV #12 "Come Touch Our Hearts"**

**Verse 1:** Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion,  
From failing embers build a blazing fire;  
Love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious,  
Come touch and bless our hearts.

**Verse 2:** Come touch our souls that we may know and love you,  
Your quiet presence all our fears dispel;  
Create a space for spirit to grow in us, let life and beauty fill us,  
Come touch and bless our souls.

**Verse 3:** Come touch our minds and teach us how to reason,  
Set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;  
Help us to open doors of understanding, to welcome truth and wisdom,

Come touch and bless our minds.

**Verse 4:** Come touch us in the moments we are fragile,  
And in our weakness your great strength reveal;  
That we may rise to follow and to serve, steady now our nerve,  
Come touch and bless our wills.

**Verse 5:** Come touch us now, this people who are gathered,  
To break the bread and share the cup of peace;  
That we may love you with our heart, our soul, our mind, our strength, our all,  
Come touch us with your grace.

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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 "All God's People Come Together"

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

### THEME TIME

#### HYMN: MV #161

#### "I Have Called You by Your Name"

##### Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

**Verse 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.

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### **PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (*Unison*)**

**God of mercy, you promised never to break your covenant with us. In the midst of the multitude of words in our daily lives, speak your eternal Word to us, that we may respond to your gracious promises with faithfulness, service and love. Amen.**

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

**FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES:** Lamentations 1:1-6

**GOSPEL LESSON:** Luke 17:5-10

**REFLECTION:** “Faith Enough” by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

**(Recorded)**

**HYMN: VU #467 “One Bread, One Body” (*seated*)**

### **REFRAIN:**

**One bread, one body, one Lord of all, one cup of blessing , which we bless;  
and we, though many, throughout the earth, we are one body in this one Lord.**

### **Verse 1:**

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more.

### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 2:** Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all.

### **REFRAIN**

**Verse 3:** Grain for the fields, scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

### **REFRAIN**

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## **THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION**

### **MISSION and SERVICE STORY**

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### **INVITATION TO GIVE**

### **OFFERTORY: MV #191 “What Can I Do?” (2x)**

What can I do? What can I bring? What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer. I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

### **(REPEAT)**

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### **DEDICATION of GIFTS: (*Unison*)**

Gracious God, bless the gifts that we give, and the gifts that we are. May each step of our journey lead us closer to you and your kingdom, and may our lives reveal your love to the world. Amen.

## WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

### SENDING HYMN: VU #562 "Jesus Calls Us"

#### Verse 1

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice sounding, saying, "Christian, follow me."

**Verse 2:** Long ago apostles heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for Jesus' sake.

**Verse 3:** Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."

**Verse 4:** In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."

**Verse 5:** Jesus calls us: by your mercies, Saviour, may we hear your call,  
give our hearts to your obedience, serve and love you best of all.

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### CARRYING THE CHRIST LIGHT WITH US

#### COMMISSIONING (*Responsive*)

Saviour Christ, increase our faith,  
**that we may trust the unseen truths as more important  
than bland or trivial physical possessions.**

Loving God, increase our hope,  
**that we may reach out for a better tomorrow and be  
undaunted by temporary setbacks.**

Inspiring Spirit, increase our love,  
**that we may put into the world something of the joy  
and compassion which you put into our lives.**

For the sake of your new world,  
**and to your praise and glory. Amen!**

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### BENEDICTION

#### SUNG RESPONSE:

**MEW:** "Threefold Amen"

**SP:** **MV #214 "May God's Sheltering Wings"**

May God's sheltering wings, her gathering wings protect you.  
May God's nurturing arms, his cradling arms sustain you,  
and hold you in her love, and hold you in his love.

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## MUSICAL POSTLUDE

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### A United Church of Canada Historical Moment

Between 1925 and 1969, The United Church of Canada operated a total of 15 schools within the Indian Residential Schools System as part of the federal government's policy of assimilating indigenous peoples. In 1986 and again in 1998, The United Church apologized for the church's involvement in the residential schools. Since it was established in 2008, The United Church of Canada has been involved with the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS OCTOBER 05, 2025

### NEW OR REVISED

#### **REHOBOTH FALL CAMPAIGN:**

Rehoboth's fall edition of *Flourish* has arrived, and **October** is Rehoboth's Annual Donation Drive to become a **Friend of Rehoboth!** While reading the newsletter at [www.rcmflourish.ca](http://www.rcmflourish.ca) (or picking up a hard copy at the church), we welcome your prayerful consideration to partner with our ministry in supporting persons with developmental disabilities. Donations of any size are appreciated and helps us grow our reach. Look for the **Friends of Rehoboth** envelope on the table in the Narthex or speak with your church contact Linda Maki. Alternatively, a digital online submission is available through <https://www.rcmflourish.ca/donate/donation-form/>

**REVEREND DEBORAH:** Her gradual return to work program includes "In Person" worship starting October 5 at Devon. We all look forward to seeing her back in the pulpit!

**HARVEST FEAST FRIDAY OCTOBER 24:** Doors open at 4:30 with dinner starting at 5 pm. Come out and enjoy a delicious Roast Beef Dinner. Advance tickets are available from the Church Office: \$27.00 General Admission, \$13.00 for Children ages 6 to 11 and free for ages 5 and under. Many helpers and donations are needed, so please sign up (sheets are on the table in the Atrium) There are posters you can take and put up in your workplace or neighbourhood. All are welcome!!!

### REMINDERS

**CANTATA PRACTICE:** You can still join the Cantata Choir! Practices are Wednesdays from 7 to 8 pm. All are welcome. Please talk to Terry Blois (Choir Director) if you have any questions.

**BROADVIEW SUBSCRIBERS:** Beginning fall 2025, Broadview will transition to an annual subscription model featuring six printed issues in 2026. This decision was made after careful discernment and a commitment to financial stability. Rising costs in printing, postage, and production

along with stresses brought on by last year's postal strike and this year's U.S. tariff threats have made this shift necessary. You will receive the 7 issues remaining in your current subscription. The new expiry issue will be Nov/Dec 2026 with renewal forms due in July 2026. The group subscription price will not change.

**COMMERCIAL KITCHEN WORKSHOP THURSDAY OCT 16:** SPUC annual commercial kitchen workshop - October 16 at 7:05PM for 1 hour. All those who use the Commercial Kitchen are required to attend the Workshop each year.

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

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

<b>Ukuleles &amp; Choir:</b>	<b>Ukes 6:15, Canata 7 pm; Choir 8 pm</b>
<b>Card Recreators:</b>	<b>Thursdays, 10 am</b>

#### **MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

<b>Thurs Oct 16</b>	<b>7:05 pm Commercial Kitchen Workshop</b>
<b>Fri. Oct 24</b>	<b>4:30 pm (doors open) Harvest Feast</b>