

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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WELCOME to our service this morning!

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Responsive*)

We gather today, O God of Life, seeking fullness.

Not the fullness our world offers, but fullness that comes from You.

We spend so much of our lives on things that do not count.

Things that promise much and give little.

Help us now... today, to find fulfillment in Your love,

May we discover all you have to give,

And seek You while we yet have the gift of days.

Lift us O God, to a higher plane of living,

as we lift our hearts and minds and souls into Your Holy presence.

Amen.

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GATHERING PRAYER: *Based on Genesis 32*

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GATHERING HYMN: VU #265 “Creating God, Your Fingers Trace”

Verse 1

Creating God, your fingers trace the bold designs of farthest space;
let sun and moon and stars and light and what lies hidden praise your might.

Verse 2: Sustaining God, your hands uphold earth's mysteries known or yet untold;
let waters fragile blend with air, enabling life, proclaim your care.

Verse 3: Redeeming God, your arms embrace all now despised for creed or race; I
et peace, descending like a dove, make known on earth your healing love.

Verse 4: Indwelling God, your gospel claims one family with a billion names;
let every life be touched by grace until we praise you face to face.

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LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE**CONCERNS AND JOYS****PRAYERS OF CONCERNS AND JOYS****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**THEME TIME**

HYMN: MV #58 "We Sing of Your Glory" (Note: There are 4 verses)

Verse 1

We sing of your glory, we praise you again,
 For you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

Verse 2: We sing of your power and honour again,
 For you are eternal. Amen. Amen.

Verse 3:

We sing of surrender to you, God, again.
 Your power is eternal. Amen. Amen.

Verse 4:

"Glory in the highest on earth," sing again.
 Glory, alleluia. Amen. Amen.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READINGS: Reader: Sharon McRann

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A RESPONSIVE READING FROM THE PSALMS

Psalm 17 VU page 739

Guard Me as the Apple of Your Eye

REFRAIN:

Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

Hear my just cause; attend to my cry, O God.

Listen to my prayer from lips that do not lie.

Let judgement in my favour come forth from your presence;

and let your eyes discern what is right.

If you examine my heart, if you visit me by night,

if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me.

As for what others do, according to the command of your lips I have kept from travelling with the violent.

My steps have been firm in your paths, and my feet have not stumbled.

REFRAIN:

Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

I call upon you, God, for you will answer me.

Incline your ear to me and hear my words.

Show me the wonders of your steadfast love;

for by your right hand you save from their enemies those who take refuge in you.

Guard me as the apple of your eye;

hide me under the shadow of your wings,

from the wicked who assail me,

from deadly foes who surround me.

As for me, I shall see your face because my plea is just;

when I awake and see your face, I shall be satisfied.

REFRAIN:

Guard me as the apple of your eye; hide me under the shadow of your wings.

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THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

Feeding More Than Five Thousand

REFLECTION: “Receiving Our Share” by Rev. Deborah M. Hoekstra

HYMN: (Seated) TLUS #60 “There’s Enough for All”

There’s enough for all if we would learn to share it,

there’s enough for all, oh, help us to believe.

There’s enough for all. Let’s bring our loaves and fishes,
and offer them to Jesus.

There’s more than enough for you and me

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THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION

MISSION AND SERVICE STORY

Threads of Identity

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INVITATION TO GIVE

OFFERTORY: Doxology (Tune VU #541)

Praise God, the source of breath and birth,
who formed us from the dust of earth,
and made us kin in unity
to love and set each other free.

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DEDICATION OF GIFTS (*Unison*)

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world—nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city.

Yet we have brought what we can. As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply these gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more.

Amen.

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WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

SENDING HYMN: VU #569 “You Call Us Out”

Verse 1

You call us out to praise you, the God who gave us birth,
to gather in communion, and treasure your whole earth;
we are your living story, to hear and to be heard;
we praise your name, who writes us, the author and the word.

Verse 2: For varied hues and textures, new patterns, still you search,
to weave your seamless garments, the fabric of your church;
our tattered faith you cherish, reclaim from wear and moth;
we praise your name, who twines us, the weaver and the cloth.

Verse 3: The church that speaks forgiveness, confesses its own need;
the church that feels its hunger, finds grace to care and feed;
our famished world is crying, its future filled with dread;
we praise your name, who fills us, the baker and the bread.

Verse 4: The church that offers healing, discerns its wounds and loss;
the church that faces dying, shares life beyond the cross;
to people torn and broken, your mercy is revealed;
we praise your name, who loves us, the healer and the healed.

Verse 5: Our feeble voices struggle, to sing your justice clear;
the world has sunk in silence, each discord echoes fear;
one voice alone is ragged, together we are strong;
we praise your name, who breathes us, the singer and the song.

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COMMISSIONING

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BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #454 "May God Who Creates You"

**May God who creates you, give you light; may God who sustains you, make you wise;
may God who protects you, give you joy; may God who surrounds you, give you peace.**

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MUSICAL POSTLUDE

YOUR OFFERING: Monetary gifts (cash or cheque) may be placed in one of the boxes next to the doors in the sanctuary; dropped off at the church during office hours; mailed to Stony Plain United Church, Box 3196, Stony Plain, AB T7Z 1Y4; set up through PAR (pre-authorized remittance); or, by e-transfer to stewards@stonyplainunitedchurch.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AUGUST 02, 2026

NEW

CARD RECREATORS ON BREAK: The Card Recreators will **NOT** meet Thursday, Aug 6 or Thursday, Aug 13. They'll be back at work on Thursday, Aug. 20.

WED. SEPT 30, 6:30 PM: HORIZON STAGE - NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH AND

RECONCILIATION: Horizon Stage in Spruce Grove is hosting an evening of reflection and connection as we mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Through stories, reflections and open conversation, we will honour the lived experiences of Indigenous Peoples. This is a time to listen, learn and explore how each of us can commit to the work of healing and reconciliation. Tea, Bannock and light refreshments will be served. **This event is free, but you must reserve tickets.** For more information and to reserve tickets, see the following:

<https://www.horizonstage.com/season-shows/national-day-for-truth-and-reconciliation/>

REMINDERS

WED AUG 5 WHISPERING WATERS SERVICE 7:15 PM: We will go to Whispering Waters on Wed. Aug 5 at 7:15 pm for our monthly communion service. If you'd like to help, please contact Linda Maki. Everyone is welcome!

SAT. AUG 15, 2026 MEWASSIN 100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: You are joyfully invited to join us in celebrating **100 years** of Ministry at Mewassin United Church on Saturday, August 15 starting at 1 pm. There will be a short service at 1 pm followed by Pig Roast and Brisket with all the trimmings and Games for the kids. Free will offering gratefully accepted. This is a perfect time to connect with our Church Family, friends and community members as we come together to celebrate and to honour God's faithfulness over the years.

EDMONTON PRIDE PARADE SAT. AUG 22: The Northern Spirit Affirm Committee is hosting an entry in the Edmonton Pride Parade and inviting Affirming congregations and ministries, and all United Church members and friends who are interested, to walk together. Every participant needs to

be registered. Parade starts at 1pm (line up begins at 11:30.) If you want to walk with us in the Edmonton Pride Parade on August 22nd register here: [NS Affirm Parade Registration Link](#)

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

MEWASSIN SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE

July 5 to Aug 2 inclusive: **No Services** (Summer Break)
 Sun. Aug 9 **Regular Service**
 Sat. Aug 15: **100th Anniversary Service**
 Sun. Aug 16 **No Service**
 Sun. Aug 23 **Regular (Communion) Service**
 Aug 30 **No Service** (Camping Weekend)

REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sun. Aug. 2, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at SP NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN
Sun. Aug 9, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW
<u>SAT AUG 15, 2026</u>	1 pm Special Service at Mewassin to celebrate 100 years of Ministry
Sun. Aug 16, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC. SP Presider Brenda Cleland NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN
Sun. Aug 23, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW. SP: Paper Bag Communion/Picnic Service MEW: Regular Communion Service
Sun. Aug 30, 2026	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC. SP Presider: Terry Blois NO SERVICE IN MEWASSIN (Camping Weekend)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Ukuleles & Choir: No practices until Sept 2 or 9 unless otherwise notified
 Card Recreators: Thursdays, 10 am ***NOT AUG 6 or 13***

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

July 5 to Aug 2 inclusive – No Services at Mewassin (Summer Break)
 Wed. Aug 5 7:15 pm Whispering Waters Service
 Sat. Aug. 15 MEWASSIN 100th Anniversary Service
 Sun. Aug 16 NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN
 Fri. Aug 28 to Sun. Aug 30 MEWASSIN Camp out at Entwistle RV Campground
 Sun. Aug. 30 NO SERVICE AT MEWASSIN
 Sat. Sept 26 MEWASSIN Bottle Drive
 Wed. Sept 30 6:30 pm Horizon Stage – Truth & Reconciliation