

STONY PLAIN UNITED CHURCH
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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (one voice)

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

We lift up our souls to you, Holy God.

We trust God with our past, present, and future.

Teach us, Lord, that we may know your ways.

Guide our every move, Holy One,

that we may walk in your paths of love and mercy.

Let us worship the One who leads us in what is right.

Together, let us worship God!

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GATHERING PRAYER

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GATHERING HYMN: VU #329 “O Jesus Christ, May Grateful Hymns”

O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising,
in every city for your love and care,
inspire our worship, grant the glad surprising
that your blest Spirit rouses every where.

Grant us new courage, sacrificial, humble,
Strong in your strength to venture and to dare,
To lift the fallen, guide the feet that stumble,
Seek out the lonely and God's mercy share.

Show us your Spirit, brooding o'er each city,
as you once wept above Jersulam,
seeking to gather all in love and pity,
and healing those who touch your garment's hem.

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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
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SPUC SPECIAL MUSIC "God of Great and God of Small"

Words and Music by Natalie Sleeth, arranged by Tom Fettke

THEME TIME

HYMN: MV #92 (*sung 2x*) "Like a Rock"

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet.
Like the starry night sky God is over our head.
Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before.
Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.

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PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32**Invitation****SERMON by Rev. Deborah Hoekstra “Never Too Late to Join”****PRAYER OF PETITION *One voice* “Teach Me Your Ways”**

Modified from “Teach Me Your Ways” by Ted Loder (*Guerillas of Grace*).

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HYMN (*seated*) VU #334 “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

All hail the power of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem,

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

O seed of Israel’s chosen race now ransomed from the fall,
hail him who saves you by his grace

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, you martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain you trod,

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Let every tongue and every tribe, responsive to the call,
to him all majesty ascribe

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

O that, with all the sacred throng, we at his feet may fall,
join in the everlasting song,

And crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Words: Edward Perronet 1780 et al, Music: William Shrubsole 1779.

THAT WE MIGHT LIVE WITH INTENTION**INVITATION/OFFERTORY 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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PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*Unison*)

Generous God, everything we have comes from you. As we give today, we do so with thankful hearts. Please bless these offerings and use them to further your work in our church and community. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

WE LEAVE TO SERVE GOD IN THE WORLD

CARRYING THE LIGHT WITH US

SENDING HYMN: MV #212 (*sung 2x*) **“Sent Out in Jesus’ Name”**

Section 1:

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

Sent out in Jesus’ name, our hands are ready now
To make the world the place in which the kingdom comes

Section 2:

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
Into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

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COMMISSIONING

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BENEDICTION

SUNG RESPONSE: VU #646 **“We Are Marching”**

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
(the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)
We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)
We are marching in the light of God.

Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen, kwenkhos’, Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos’.
Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen, kwenkhos’, Siyahamb’ ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos’.
(khanyen’ kwenkhos’.)

Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,)
Siyahamb’, ekukhanyen’ kwenkhos’. (khanyen’kwenkhos’.)
Siyahamba, (hamba siyahamba,) oo-oo, (hamba,)
Siyahamb’, ekukhanyen’kwenkhos’.

We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.

(the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)

We are marching in the light of God. (the light of God.)

We are marching, (marching, we are marching,) oo-oo, (marching,)

We are marching in the light of God.

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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 SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

MEWASSIN

SUN. OCT 11/26 Bring your Thanksgiving offerings of non-perishable items to Church. All offerings will go to WEE FOOD BANK-(Wildwood -Entwistle-Evansburg) West Parkland County.

SUN.OCT 18/26 9am The Congregational Board Meeting will be held. The Sunday service will begin after the meeting followed by Coffee Sunday and viewing of the power-point presentation from our 100th Anniv. There will be add pictures from that day as well.

WED. OCT 21/26 6pm There will be a sustainable discussion evening with a chili supper held in the Church. A congregational email will be sent in regards to food contributions.

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THUR. OCT 1/26 1:30pm Joint Worship Committee meeting date change from Sept 17/26 to Oct 1/26. Meeting will be held in Church.

THUR. OCT 1/26 7pm-8:45pm The Council meeting will be held in the upper meeting room.

FALL FOOD DRIVE- Leading up to Thanksgiving we will be collecting items for the Parkland Food Bank. If you are able, please bring non-perishable food, hygiene products, baby food, pet food and toilet paper. Items can be dropped off at the Stony Plain United Church.

COMMUNITY

THANK-YOU FROM THE OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR Thanks to all of you who contributed to my retirement lunch last Sunday. I very much appreciate all the cards, gifts, skit, musical entertainment and wishes for a happy retirement. It was my pleasure to serve our congregations as Administrator and to get to know many of you. Thanks again.

BROADVIEW MAGAZINE October is the time to renew your subscription, or begin a new subscription. The group rate is still \$30 per year and you may pay with cash or a cheque made out to Stony Plain United Church with **BROADVIEW on the memo line**. Sample copies of this award winning journal are on the table in the narthex. The renewal list must be submitted to Broadview by **Oct 21, 2026**. There will be someone available Sundays Oct 4, 11 and 18 to receive your money . Changes of address or contact information must be submitted at the same time.

WED. SEPT 30/26 10:00 AM – 12:00PM: TRUTH & RECONCILIATION: Guests are invited to enjoy tea and Bannock, while gathering in the spirit of reconciliation and community. The event takes place at Heritage Park, Stony Plain.

WED. SEPT 30/26 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/>.

TOWN OF STONY PLAIN has announced the upcoming programs and events for the month of October. Please see the bulletin board for more information including phone numbers and email addresses or go to the Town of Stony Plain website for more information.

REFERENDUM NEWS The Northern Spirit Regional Council (NSRC) has taken a position: **no to the nine** questions and for question 10, **Option 1: in favour** of staying in Canada calling us to focus on the common good. NSRC is not, and does not, speak for you or your community of faith, but it does have the responsibility to speak and act according to United Church policies, theologies, and understanding of scriptures. No matter your perspective, please take the time to learn and engage respectfully in community. And, please vote on October 19, 2026.

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.

REV DEBORAH'S SCHEDULE FOR UPCOMING SUNDAYS:

Sun. Oct 4/26	Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.
Sun. Oct 11/26	Rev. Deborah in person at Devon UC. SP Presider: MEW Presider:
Sun. Oct 18/ 26	Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.
Sun. Oct 25/ 26	Rev. Deborah in person at SP and MEW.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Ukelele & Choir practice

Card Recreators 10:00am SP Thursdays

MEETINGS & SPECIAL EVENTS

Wed. Sept 30	10:00am-12:00pm Heritage Park Truth & Reconciliation.
Wed. Sept 30	6:30pm Horizon Stage – Truth & Reconciliation
Thur. Oct 1	1:30pm SP Joint Worship Committee meeting
Thur. Oct 1	7pm – 8:45 SP Council meeting
Sun. Oct 11	MEW food drive pick up
Sun. Oct 18	9am MEW Congregation Board meeting & Coffee Sunday
Mon. Oct 19	Referendum vote
Wed. Oct 21	6pm MEW Sustainable discussion & chili supper in Church