

JASPER UNITED CHURCH

June 16, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Indigenous Day of Prayer

Mission Statement

“Our mission is to worship God and deepen our Christian faith.
We strive to seek justice, be an inclusive, caring and accepting community,
and to be stewards of God’s world.”

We must remind ourselves that, though our lives are small and our acts seem insignificant, we are generative elements of this universe, and we create meaning with each act that we perform or fail to perform.

— Kent Nerburn in *Make Me an Instrument of Your Peace*

GOD GATHERS US IN

Prelude

Welcome

Territorial Acknowledgement

Announcements

Celebrations and Remembrances

Settling Moment

Christ Candle

In the beginning, God said, “let there be light”
and there was light.

(Christ Candle is lit)

In every beginning there is God. Light to light our way.

Call to Worship*

Creating, Nurturing, Loving Parent God
Source of our being, Source of our loving

We come to worship You.

Welcomed guest and trustworthy friend

We come to worship You.

To proclaim your glory, to sing your praises

We come to worship You

to pray for your word and sign revealed.

Source of our being, Source of our loving.

We gather to worship You.

Opening Hymn: In the Bulb There Is a Flower

VU 703

Opening Prayer

Loving God, whose spirit moves hidden until revealed, gather with us. Bring us together as a community in the wonder and mystery of all that you imagine in us. Let us be like seeds of your harvest, growing steadily under your watchful eye. In Christ name, we pray. Amen

Prayer of Transformation

God, you have created us in your image and invited us to be one with you and one another. Your love is generative, expansive and always freely offered. Though we are created in your image, this kind of loving frightens us. We are still learning what it means to be one with you and one another. We know there are times when we have failed to honour the beautiful spirits of others, in both word and deed. (moment of silent reflection) We seek you, knowing, that in your love, we can learn to be people of your radical expansive welcome.

Words of Assurance

Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten.

Those who seek God shall never go wanting. God alone fills us.
(from VU 290)

Conversation Time

Hymn: Many and Great Are Your Works

VU 308

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, in the reading of the scripture, may your Word be heard; in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known; and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen.

Scripture Readings

1 Samuel 15:34 – 16:13

Psalms 20 VU 742

Mark 4:26 – 34

Reflection

GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND

Mission and Service

Offering

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living

VU 581 v2

*Offering Prayer**

Gracious God, we believe that you are calling us forward into a new day. We believe that you have a future for Jasper United Church, and The United Church of Canada that is rooted in your abundant life, and we trust you with this future, even though it's beyond the horizon of our dreams. So, we offer you the blessings you have already given us— our time, our talents, our finances, and our hopes—so that you might use them and transform them for the good of your whole world. May these gifts be a blessing to the people of Jasper and beyond! All this we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen!

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

GOD GOES WITH US INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

*Commissioning & Benediction**

Postlude

Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

Worship Leader: Rev. Linda McLaren

Worship Reader: Ann Thomas; Greeter: Cheryl Nelson

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