

JASPER UNITED CHURCH
July 7, 2024
Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

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.”

Dear God, we had a good time at church today.

Wish you could have been there.

Matthew, Age 7

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

The church is here-- in this sanctuary with the cross taking central place, the table to receive gifts, and our hearts that are open to the gifts God offers us. The church is also the line-up at the grocery store, the dentist's office, the golf course, ski hill, classroom, dinner table. The church is in the world and we are a part of it. As we come this day let us worship God! **Amen**

Opening Hymn: River MV 3

Opening Prayer

As on a first day you began the work of creating us; as on a first day you raised your Son from the dead; so on this first day, O Lord,

freshen and remake us: and as the week is new, let our lives begin again because of Jesus who shows us your loving power. Amen.

Conversation Time

Prayer of Transformation

Redeeming God, when we set ourselves up for failure, You lift us into your grace. When we act outside of your vision for us, you wrap us in mercy. Your love for us never ceases; not in the moments we stray, Not in the moments we forget, not in the actions of our worst days. Your eternal favour redeems us again and again. Help us to turn our face towards you, that we might receive this gift, and respond anew. May it be so. Amen. *Allan Buckingham from "Together We Worship"*

Hymn: Spirit Dancing VU 388

WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Holy One, we believe you speak to us through nature, the voice of elders, and our spiritual ancestors in faith. As we share these words of scripture today, may we hear your Spirit speaking to us, the church. **Amen.**

Scripture Readings

Psalm 48 VU 772

Mark 6:1-13

This is the witness of God’s people. **Thanks be to God.**

Reflection: Hometown

Hymn: Will You Come and Follow Me VU 567

GOD NURTURES – WE RESPOND

Mission and Service

Offering

Offering Hymn: When We Are Living VU 581 v2

Offering Prayer: Accept, O Living God, all that we offer, and grant that we may find your presence in the church and in each other. **Amen**

Prayers of the People

A Paraphrase of Jesus Prayer

VU 916

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver

Source of all that is and that shall be. Father and Mother of us all.

Loving God, in who is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever. Amen.

GOD GOES WITH US INTO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: You Shall Go Out with Joy

VU 884

Commissioning & Benediction

Look at your hands---see the touch and tenderness.

Look at your feet---see the path and direction.

Look at your heart---see the fire and love.

Look at the cross---see the liberation in Jesus the Christ.

We are God's own for the world!

Go now in peace. Amen

Our service begins...

Postlude

Ministers: All of us by the grace of God

Worship Leader: Rev. Dee McEachern

Worship Reader: Ann

Greeter:/Coffee Pam/Joyce