



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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18th after Pentecost Thanksgiving

Land Acknowledgement

For thousands of years, First Nations people have walked on this land; their relationship with the land is at the centre of their lives and spirituality. We gather on these tradition territories of the Blackfoot people and extend our gratitude and acknowledge their stewardship of this land throughout the ages.

Call to Worship

The leaves are changing color, as autumn unfolds,

We gather to give thanks to God!

Harvest is happening!

We gather to share our blessings with others!

This church family gathers to worship, to celebrate, to give thanks and to make a joyful noise!

We give thanks for this community of faith.

Let us worship together!

Opening Prayer

Hymn # 245 VU

Praise the Lord With the Sound of Trumpet

Kid's Time – A Chain of Events

Minute for Mission

At Thanksgiving, many of us gather around tables filled with food, and share familiar traditions and prayers of gratitude. In the Bible, food is more than just sustenance: it's manna in the wilderness, a feast shared among thousands, and a table where all are welcome. Again and again, food is a sign of God's care and abundance.

But we know that not everyone has the blessing of a full table or loved ones to gather with. Hunger remains a painful reality for far too many. These are not just numbers or statistics: these are our neighbours, making impossible choices between heat and dinner.

Through Mission and Service partners, your generosity is part of God's response. Together, we are helping farmers in India care for their livestock, families in Zimbabwe grow food in drought conditions, and communities in Northern Canada access nutritious food despite high costs. Across Canada, ecumenical campus ministries and community centres serve weekly dinners where everyone is welcome. These meals don't just ease hunger, they help reduce stress, support learning, and bring people together where everyone has a place at the table.

This Thanksgiving, may gratitude fill our hearts. May that gratitude ripple outward, becoming generosity that helps set more tables, share more bread, and create more moments of joy. Because when we share what we have, God's promise of abundance comes to life, not just as a symbol, but as a feast of hope and possibility for all.

Thank you for the difference you make through Mission and Service.

Mission Prayer: from Song of Faith

God is creative and self-giving, generously moving in all the near and distant corners of the universe. Nothing exists that does not find its source in God. Our first response to God's providence is gratitude. We sing thanksgiving. Amen

Prayer of Reconciliation

Words of Freedom

Hymn # 37 MV

Each Blade of Grass

Scripture

Philippians 4:4-9 NRSV

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 100 – pg 820 VU –

Make a Joyful Noise!

John 6:25-35 NRSV

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?”

Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ ”Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Message – Rejoicing + Praise + Gratitude

Hymn # 224 VU

Sing a Happy Hallelujah

Offering

Take the fruit that I have gathered
from the tree your Spirit sowed,
harvest of your own compassion,
juice that makes the wine of God;
spiced with humor, laced with laughter--
flavor of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

We give our brightest smiles, our best singing, our strongest movements, our
best thoughts.

We give that we may have love for one another in the Spirit’s presence.

We give in the longing that earth may regenerate and that our earth neighbors
might have enough for life. In thanksgiving we pray,

Amen

Prayers Of Our People And The Prayer Of Jesus

Hymn # 174 MV

Soil of God, You and I

Extra verse, watch the screen

Commissioning and Benediction

We have a calling, something written deep in our souls!

We have purpose, a reason to be right here, right now!

We have a mission, something to live into and to lean into!

**We go now, in great thanksgiving, to carry the light of Christ and
bless this world!**

Amen!

Sung Blessing # 213 MV

Take Up His Song

Take up his song of thanks and go into the world.

Take up his song of thanks in every moment.

**In every moment of our journey, we're laying down our lives;
lay them down with thanks, lay them down, and take up his song.**