



The United Church of Canada
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge
Coaldale United and St. Andrew's UC
Trinity and First United
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World Food Sunday

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements:

Land Acknowledgement:

As we gather today, we acknowledge the diverse and abundant gifts among the Indigenous Peoples in Canada. We accept that their wisdom and knowledge have benefited generations, past and present and this blessing will continue for generations to come. We remember the many who are committed to the healing of family, community and nations. We recognize the relationship between the Indigenous Peoples and the land. Amen.

Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Shout to God all the Earth

worship with gladness and joy

Come before God with Laughter

Our maker to whom we belong

To a Shepherd who tends us like sheep

Let us raise our voices in song

Come to God's gate with thanks,

Come to God's court with praise

Praise and Bless God's name

Truly you are good,

You are always gracious
and faithful age after age

Opening Prayer:

Lighting our Christ Candle:

The light and love of Jesus Christ be with you all.

We gather as the people of light - people who know that Christ is our light and that He lives within us.

Opening Hymn: (MV) 150

Spirit God, be our Breath

Children's Time: We are God's children and we give back to God what belongs to God:

Prayer of confession (Psalm 139:23-24):

Words of Assurance:

The Good news of the Gospel is that God wants more to be in a relationship with us, he seeks us, forgives us and restores us and welcomes us.

Hymn (MV) 161

I Have Called you by Your Name

Scripture Readings:

Matthew 22:15-22 (NRSV)

Jesus has an encounter with the leaders who wanted to trap him with a question of "loyalty" to the emperor. Jesus responds with wisdom as he tells the audience to give him a coin which bore Caesar's image and he asks them "what image is on the coin? They respond "Caesar's". Jesus tells them "Give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God"

Genesis 1:26-27 (NRSV)

The creation story in this passage is a reminder that we are not merely created to exist but to reflect God's image/character.

Message: Living as God's image bearers

Invitation for Offering:

Offertory Doxology:

Take my gifts and let me love you,
God who first of all loved me,
Gave me light and food and shelter,
gave me life and set me free
Now because your love has touched me,
I have love to give away,
now the bread of love is rising,
loaves of love to multiply.

Offering Prayer:

Prayers of Our Hearts:

Prayer of Jesus:

Hymn: (VU) 506

Take my Life

Commissioning and Benediction (Numbers 6:24-26)

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.
Amen

Sending forth Hymn: (MV) 209

Go make a Diff'rence

*Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.*