



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

Worship leader: Rev. Ruth Preston Schilk

Reader: Donna Wright

Music: Cheryl Nelson

20th after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

Musical Prelude

Announcements

Remembering the Land

Call to Worship

In mystery and grandeur,

we see the face of God.

In earthiness and the ordinary,

we know the love and humanity of Christ.

In heights and depths, life and death –

the spirit of God is moving among us

Let us worship God together.

<http://pilgrimwr.unitingchurch.org.au/> website

Opening Prayer

We Light Our Christ Candle

Jesus said: "You are the light of the world....No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lamp-stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God." May this be so.

Opening Hymn # 42 MV

Praise God for This Holy Ground

Time for the Young and Young at Heart

Prayer of Confession

Restoring God,

We confess that we have trusted in ourselves more than in You.

We have looked down on others,

measured worth by appearances and turned away from the lowly and the poor.

Forgive us for the times we have hoarded abundance rather than sharing it.

Forgive us when we have been slow to believe that Your Spirit is for all people.

Renew our hearts,

restore our sight,

and send us forth as people who bear Your mercy to others.

Amen.

<https://www.churchofscotland.org.uk>

Words of Assurance – based on Psalm 65:3,5

When our failings overwhelm us, **God forgives our transgressions.**

By awesome deeds, **God answers us with deliverance.**

**God is our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth
and the farthest sea.**

Hymn # 279 VU

You, God, Are My Firmament

Scripture Readings:

Joel 2:23-32 *Joel's prophecy speaks to a people devastated by locusts and drought — symbols of judgement and loss. Into this desolation comes a promise: God will send the rain again; the threshing floors will be full; the people will eat in plenty and be satisfied. Yet this restoration is not only material. God pledges to "repay the years" lost and to pour out God's Spirit on all every person, breaking down barriers of age, gender and social status.*

O children of Zion, be glad

and rejoice in the LORD your God;

for he has given the early rain^[a] for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain,

the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴ The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,

the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵ I will repay you for the years

that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶ You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the LORD your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

²⁷ You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again
be put to shame.

God's Spirit Poured Out

²⁸ [b] Then afterwards

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹ Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰ I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and
columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to
blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD comes. ³² Then everyone
who calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in
Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the LORD has said, and among
the survivors shall be those whom the LORD calls.

Luke 18:9-14 *Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee and a tax-collector, each of whom went to the Temple to pray. While their contrasting prayers and status in society may make us want to side with one over the other, how might Jesus be using them to teach us about God?*

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ 'Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax-collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee,

standing by himself, was praying thus, “God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax-collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.” ¹³ But the tax-collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Message: “Yes – And” – a Layered Story for our Times

Hymn: # VU 375

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Mission Story

In Wiikwemkoong Unceded Territory, the Healing with Horses program brings people together to share, listen, and connect with each other, the land, and the gentle strength of the horses guiding the healing journey.

Among them are four Ojibwe Spirit Horses, a rare and sacred breed. At one point in history, they were stolen from the community, but in an act of resilience and reconciliation, they have been returned to the land and the people who have always known and cherished them. Their presence is a living reminder of survival, restoration, and hope.

Supported by your Mission and Service gifts, the program blends equine therapy with Anishinaabe ways of knowing, the Medicine Wheel, and traditional teachings to support emotional, spiritual, and cultural healing. Children learn emotional regulation, adults reconnect with their inner strength, and participants find the courage to speak and be heard.

Watch the video to see how these horses, and the people who work alongside them, are changing lives.

Thank you for supporting the [Healing Fund](#) through Mission and Service. Your generosity makes this life-changing work possible.

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

Offering Doxology: Take My Gifts, v. 2

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 humour, laced with laughter--
flavour of the Jesus life,
tang of risk and new adventure,
taste and zest beyond belief.

Offering Prayer:

As we offer our gifts and lives in this moment,
may we become imitators of you, Gracious God,
who holds nothing back from us,
but is generous and gracious with all that is yours.
In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

~ Thom Schuman, <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

Prayers of Our Hearts and the Prayer of Jesus

Hymn: VU 266

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Commissioning and Benediction

Sung Blessing: MV 213 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.

Weekly News Sheet
Prairie Spirit Pastoral Charge (PSPC)
Serving Cardston-Coaldale-First-Northminster

Office hours: Monday 8:30-12:30 Wednesday, Thursday 1-4 and Friday 8:30-2:00

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Reminder to hold each other and those around the world in our prayers

Prayer List for Coaldale Ministerial Churches and area

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

Prayer List for Chinook Winds Region

Airdrie Pastoral Charge

Prayer List for World Council Churches

Caribbean

October 26 20th after Pentecost

Ruth Preston Schilk at First @ 9:30 zoom to Trinity

At Coaldale @ 11:00 zoom to St. Andrew's

November 2 All Saints Sunday

Kathy Carlson at First @ 9:30

At St. Andrews @12:00

Ruth Pelletier at Trinity @ 9:30

At Coaldale @ 11:00

November 9 Peace Sunday

Ruth Preston Schilk at First @ 9:30 zoom to Trinity

At Coaldale @ 11:00 zoom to St. Andrew's

November 16 Pentecost 23

Kathy Carlson at First @ 9:30 zoom to Trinity

At Coaldale @ 11:00 zoom to St. Andrew's

Join Zoom Worship Join Zoom Worship

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89113483073?pwd=cElJbU5wbFNhL215bEs1cncwMXExQT09>

Meeting ID: 891 1348 3073 Passcode: 517816

Dial +1 587 328 1099 Canada

To access links, check out our website at:

<http://www.prairiespiritpc.ca>

Stewardship Seconds

October 26

Remember that people of faith have been the key to some of the most incredible changes in our society. How does your faith call you to be a changemaker?

Thrift Shop

Open on Thursdays, 9a.m. -1p.m.

Donations accepted.

Coaldale United Financial Information and Stats:

Thank you for your continued financial support.

	Oct. 12	Oct. 19
Attendance	19 at CUC/ 2 zoom	115 at CUC/2 zoom
General	\$290	\$3111
M&S	\$80	\$238
Building		\$10
Loose		\$699.85
Thrift Shop	\$1593	\$1546.75

A new memorial board is now hanging in the narthex.

We would like to thank **Adora Kitchens** for donating the board and to Don McCann for getting and hanging it.

The church office hours will vary between now and Christmas and they will be posted in the bulletin every week and also on the church door.

The office hours for the remainder of October will be:

Monday 8:30 to 12:30

Wednesday and Thursday 1:00 to 4:00

Friday 8:30 to 2:00



COMMUNITY CAROL SING

Sunday, Oct 26 at 3:00pm
GEM OF THE WEST MUSEUM Coaldale

Special Guest Trio: Abe & Maggie

Block, Dora Climenhaga

Bonnie Chartier Barbie Paterson

Randy Epp Rob Budd

Kathy Heidebrecht

Songs of Thanksgiving

Roast Beef Supper

Friday, November 7th

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Coaldale Mennonite Church

2316 – 17 Street

Coaldale

Please join us!

All proceeds donated to
Lethbridge Soup Kitchen and
Coaldale Food Bank

Upcoming Events

Nov 10 First United Board Meeting 1:30

Nov 12 Coaldale United Board Meeting 9:00

Nov 18 PSPC Joint Board Meeting 7:00 via zoom

Nov 19 Worship Committee Meeting

Nov 20 Worship at Sunnysouth Lodge at 1:30

Worship at Long Term Care at 3:00