

WESLEY UNITED CHURCH

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Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action.
We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

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12TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 23, 2020 10:30 a.m.

Assisting in Worship

Soloist: Maureen Kolot

Reader: Wilma Bell Wessel

Congregational responses are indicated by bold lettering.

* You are invited to stand

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

*WE SING VU #649

Walk With Me

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

When Moses heard the call of God
he said, "Lord, don't send me."
But God told Moses, "You're the one
to set my people free."

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Now Peter was a most unlikely
man to lead the flock;
but Jesus knew his holiness
and he became the Rock.

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

Young Mary Magdalene was sure
her life could be much more,
and by her faith she dared to let
God's love unlock the door.

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

And when you share your faith with me
and work for life made new,
the witness of your faithfulness
calls me to walk with you.

**Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.**

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GATHERING WORDS

We gather as four communities in southeast Regina
longing for meaning and mystery.

We are on holy ground.

Not a place not a time, but somehow part of everything
that is, everything that was and everything that is
possible and beyond.

We are on holy ground.

That which will be calling us to a mission of liberation.

We are on holy ground.

Come! Let us feel that call rising from the soil of God.

We are on holy ground.

Amen.

WELCOME

OUR OPENING PRAYER

...Unknowable Mystery,

We honour the presence of the holy in our midst.

May the "kin-dom" flourish among us.

May we have only what we need each day that all might have enough and more tomorrow.

May we be as generous in offering forgiveness as we have been humbled and grateful in being forgiven.

May we be strengthened through our trials; and may we face evil with courage, truth and love.

As we pray in Jesus' name, may we also walk in his way. Amen.

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

We light this candle as a community of Jesus the Christ **nurturing spiritual exploration and growth, we advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.**

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

WE LISTEN

SUNG PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

VU # 701 What Does the Lord Require of You?

What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

Justice, kindness,

walk humbly with your God.

To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.

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HEBREW BIBLE

Exodus 3:1-15

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:21-28

As we reflect on these words from our tradition,

may we find wisdom for living.

ANTHEM

There is a Balm in Gilead
arr. Mark Hayes

SPECULATION

WE RESPOND

*WE SING MV #174

Soil of God, You and I
(Holy Ground)

Soil of God, you and I, stand ready to bear
Seeds of faith nourished by God's tender care.
Growing in everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now ready to be
Parts of God's promise, for others to see.
Open to everyone for here God is found.
All stand together, we are Holy ground.

Soil of God, you and I, now called to rebirth,
Joining as partners with all of the earth.
Living in harmony for here God is found.
All stand together, this is Holy ground.

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MINUTE FOR MISSION

OUR PRAYERS

WE ARE CHALLENGED TO SHARE

OFFERTORY

*OUR RESPONSE MV #196

We Will Take
What You Offer

We will take what you offer,
we will live by your word;
we will love one another
and be fed by you, Lord.

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*WE DEDICATE OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

*WE SING VU #651 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but thou art mighty,
hold me with thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

WORDS OF MISSION

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE