

Waterton United Church

August 15, 2021

Welcome, Announcements, and Acknowledge of the Land

Call to Worship

When we gather together,

it is prayer.

When we share our lives with one another,

it is prayer.

When we support one another,

it is prayer.

When we share our concerns, our gratitude, and our work,

it is prayer.

Let us celebrate all that God gives us,

as we pray together, love one another, and worship God together.

Opening Prayer

O loving Mystery and source of Compassion,

You act as the yeast which rises in us the hope

of the Spirit and new life. Be with us in this time of worship

As we gather as your people here in this sacred place and

online, may we rise to the challenges before us and be

compassionate along the way with our fellow

travellers. We pray as our life unfolds in your creation. Amen

Opening Hymn “Let Us Build a House” MV #1

1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;

here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

2. Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true, where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew. Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

3. Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat; a banquet hall on holy ground, where peace and justice meet. Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

4. Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known. Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word. Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading

Psalm 111 “The fear of God is the beginning of wisdom”
John 6: 51-58 “Whoever eats my bread, has internal life.”
(From the Message Bible)

Hymn “Christ Has No Body Now but Yours” MV #171
Refrain

**Christ has no body now but your,
no hands but yours.
Here on this earth, yours is the work,
to serve with the joy of compassion.**

1. No hands but yours to heal the wounded world,
no hands but yours to soothe all its suffering,
no touch but yours to bind the broken hope
of the people of God.
2. No eyes but yours to see as Christ would see,
to find the lost, to gaze with compassion;
no eyes but yours to glimpse the holy joy
of the city of God.
3. No feet but yours to journey with the poor,
to walk this world with mercy and justice.
Yours are the steps to build a lasting peace
for the children of God.
4. Through ev’ry gift, give back to those in need;
as Christ has blessed, so now be his blessing,
with ev’ry gift a benediction, be
to the people of God.

Message “The flesh & Blood, And The Missing Generations”

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Concern/Lord’s Prayer

**Our Father (Mother) who are in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

Acknowledging the Offering

Let us pray:

We give you thanks Generous God that we have the opportunity to be in this National Park and in particularly with those gathered in this room. We ask that you receive the offerings from our hearts to continue the ministry of Christ in this place where we all can come to know the love that is shared. Amen

Hymn "O a Song Must Rise" MV #142

Refrain

**Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise for the spirit to descend. (descend)**

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
 from the desert to the sea,
 a song must rise once again.
 From the voices of our leaders,

the voice of you and me,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

2. From poverty and riches,
from the voice of young and old,
a song must rise once again. (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
the timid and the bold,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

3. From ev'ry house of worship,
in ev'ry faith and tongue,
a song must rise once again.
From the villages and cities
a new song must be sung,
a song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Commissioning and Blessing

Going Forth "Peace Be with You" MV #215

Peace be with you, peace forever,
peace be with you, my friends.
Till we meet again, may God be with you.
Peace, peace, peace.