

# Strathearn United Church

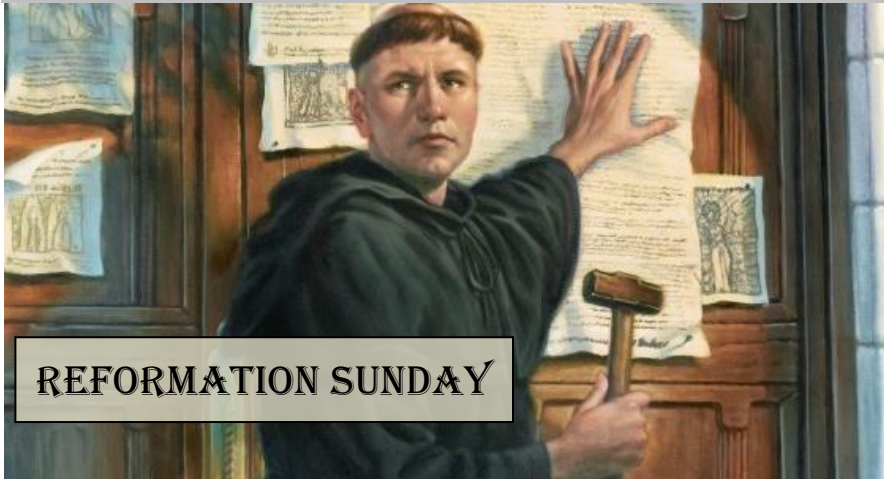
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## REFORMATION SUNDAY

**Our Living Statement...** Strathearn United Church is a loving Christian community living by faith and action, communicating through worship, education, fellowship and outreach, greeting the future with hope.

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We, the congregation of Strathearn United Church, are situated on Treaty 6, traditional lands of the First Nations and the Metis People.

Strathearn United Church welcomes you to the Lord's Table, where all are welcome!  
30<sup>th</sup> of October 2022, 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## WELCOME & GATHERING

### GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE:

*This is what God's kingdom is like: a bunch of outcasts & oddballs gathered at a table, not because we are rich or worthy or good, but because we are hungry, because we said yes, & there's always room for more.*

*-Rachel Held Evans*

**HYMN:** "Psalm 100, Make a Joyful Noise" VU820

**Refrain:** *Make a joyful noise all the earth!  
Worship your God with gladness.  
Make a joyful noise all the earth.  
Come to this place with a song!*

- 1 Know that your God has made you.  
Know it's to God we belong.  
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**
- 2 Enter these gates, thanks giving.  
Enter these courts with praise.  
Sing thanks to your God and bless the holy Name.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**
- 3 Ages through endless ages,  
seasons of endless years,  
the love of our Maker ever shall endure.  
Worship your God with a song! **R**

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**PRAYER OF APPROACH:** *Gospel of Matthew 6:9-13*

One: "Pray, then, in this way: Our Father in heaven, may Your name be revered as holy. May Your kingdom come. May Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And do not bring us to the time of trial, but rescue us from the evil one. Amen.

**A UNITED CHURCH CREED**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

*The United Church of Canada, General Council 1968, alt.*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

"Spirit of the Living God" VU376

- 1 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
- 2 Spirit of the living God, move among us all;  
make us one in heart and mind, make us one in love:

humble, caring, selfless, sharing.  
Spirit of the living God, fill our lives with love!

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*We place before the Lord our disappointments, hopes, failures and sadness. In response we hear the words from the Gospel: "Come to me all who labour and burdened, and I will give rest"*

*Archbishop Oscar Romero, Adapted from the Common Book of Prayer, The Episcopal Church USA*

One: Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God

**All: Almighty and most merciful God, We have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things we ought not to have done. But thou, O God have mercy upon us. Spare thou those who are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto humanity in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for Jesus sake that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life. To the glory of thy holy Name.**  
(Silence)

One: God have mercy.

**All: Christ have mercy.**

One: God have mercy. Let us sing together.

**HYMN:** “The Lord’s Prayer”

VU960

Our Father, who art 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

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**CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION**

One: God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to God.**

One: Let us give thanks to God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: We do give thanks to you, God of the Covenant,  
for the gifts of creation and life. You divided the  
light from the darkness and water from the dry  
land. You made us in the image of yourself and  
breathed into us the breath of life. Through the  
waters of the Red Sea you delivered us from  
suffering and servitude, and at the foot of your  
sacred mountain you called us to truth and  
holiness. In the words of your holy prophets you  
called us to justice and compassion. Through the  
lives of your blessed saints and martyrs you taught  
us wisdom and faithfulness. And for the gift of  
Jesus, the newness of your promise to us, the  
brightness of our hope in you. Torn from the land

of the living for his witness to your holy teachings,  
for fulfillment of your holy law and he became the  
first fruit of earth in your kingdom, the One in  
whom your will is done. So it is that we join with  
those who have gone before us, with the angels of  
the heavens, and with all who will follow us in the  
holy community of faith, as we sing:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts! Heaven  
and earth are full of your glory! Heaven and  
earth praise you, O God most high!**

One: We do what Jesus did the night before he died.  
He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and  
gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat;  
remember me.” Then he took the cup, and said,  
“Take, drink; remember.”

One: Remembering your boundless love for us in Jesus  
Christ, we offer you our praise, as we proclaim the  
mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will  
come again.**

One: Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us and upon  
these gifts, that all who share in this bread and cup  
may be the body of Christ, light, life, and love in  
the world. Help us to love as Christ loved.  
Knowing our own weakness, may we stand with all  
who stumble. Sharing in his suffering, may we  
remember all who suffer. Held in his love, may we  
embrace all whom the world denies. Rejoicing in  
his forgiveness, may we forgive all who sin against  
us. At this time, we also remember all those with  
whom you would have us share your feast.

One: Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body,

**All: for we all partake of the one bread.**

One: In Christ, God breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another.

**All: We are the body of Christ.**

One: At this table we bear witness to our faith.

**All: At this table, God brings wholeness out of brokenness and healing to our world.**

One: Let us break bread together.

*The Bread of New Life; The Cup of Salvation*

**All: For the bread we have eaten, for the wine we have tasted, for the life we have received, we thank you God. Grant that what we have done and have been given here, may so put its mark on us, that it may remain always in our hearts. Grant that we may grow in Christian love and understanding and that ours may be lives of faithful action, in Christ's name.**

One: Amen.

## WE SHARE IN GOD'S WORD

### CONGREGATIONAL READING: PSALM 13

One: How long, O Lord? Will You forget me forever?

**All: How long will You hide your face from me?**

One: How long must I bear pain in my soul and have sorrow in my heart all day long?

**All: How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?**

One: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God!

**All: Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"**

One: My foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

**All: But I trusted in Your steadfast love**

One: My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation.

**All: I will sing to the Lord because the Lord has dealt bountifully with me.**

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

### READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 6:5-8

One: The Word of God, for the People of God

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

### THE WORD OF GOD ENACTED

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

*In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed.*

*The Gospel of Mark 1:35*

One: God, You touch our lives with healing and with justice. New life is your gift. We give You thanks for Your Good News, revealed through Your Son Jesus Christ. Good News that invites and challenges us to be living witnesses to Your hope for a better world. And so in silence we give thanks for those who have been such witnesses in our lives. (Silence) God of compassion, we pray for this troubled world, for people who struggle with sorrows, who struggle with injustice, who struggle with despair, who struggle with uncertainty, who

fear the future, who yearn for hope. And God we pray that You be with us, as we do what we can, to be your presence in this world. And God we come to You with the prayers of our hearts. For those who we know who struggle with illness of the mind, body and spirit. For those who are alone, for those who yearn for connection, these names we bring to you. (Silence) Amen.

**CLOSING HYMN: "For All the Saints" VU705**

- 1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest,  
all who by faith before the world confessed,  
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;  
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one within your great design.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 4 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
- 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:

as God to glory calls them all away.  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

- 6 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

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- SENDING FORTH: Paul's Letter to the Romans 15:13**  
One: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace  
in believing. So that you may abound in hope by  
the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER CYCLE OF THE WEEK

- Our Family:** Phyllis Wilkie, Kathryn Wood & Family,  
Rosie & Brad Willford, Wolf Family, Donne & David Wulf  
**Within Strathearn:** Christian Development  
**Northern Spirit:** Winterburn Pastoral Charge  
**World Council of Churches:** Canada, United States

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Connect & Share Hosts:**

**October 30:** Finance / Regional Representative

**November 6:** Pastoral Care / Task Teams

**November 13:** Trustees / Ministry & Personnel

*Please join us for coffee in the Junior Room after Worship.*

**Next-to-New Shop:** We're open downstairs in the  
Junior Room each Sunday following worship.

**Official Board Updates:**

- Fellowship/Social Activities and Groups may restart as long as someone steps forward to lead it. The Upper Room has been put back to a meeting space and ready for group bookings, with coffee and tea available to prepare.
- University of Alberta Mixed Chorus is coming back! They will be joining us for the 1<sup>st</sup> Advent, on Nov 27.
- Masks may be worn at the discretion of each individual. Please stay home if you are sick.

**Christian Development:**

The recorded lecture, "Prayer" provided by Rev Sandy, is available on Strathearn's YouTube site. The lecture considers scriptural references to prayer and focuses on Psalms that reflect both community and individual prayers. It also addresses popular perceptions of prayer and prayer in the United Church.

**You are then invited to participate in an *in-person*, follow-up discussion. All are welcome!**

**Date:** Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

**Time:** 1:00 to 2:15 PM

**Location:** Strathearn United Church – *Upper Room*

**Topic:** "Prayer"

**Points for discussion may include:**

- What does prayer mean to us?
- Why do we pray?
- When do we pray?
- What are we seeking when we pray?
- What would be helpful for our prayer life?

**Book Club:**

"All the Light We Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr. Weather permitting, we will gather in the Upper Room at Strathearn United on Thursday, November 3 at 7:00 pm. For more info, please call Kathryn Wood, 780-293-0752 or Nancy Tysick, 780-468-1352. If weather conditions are bad, it will be on Zoom.

**University of Alberta Mixed Chorus & Faculty Education Handbell Ringers:**

Join us on Sunday, November 27 at 10:30 am for a decades old tradition of ringing in the beginning of Advent with a service full of musical talent.

**Christmas Tea & Market: December 3, 1 – 4 pm**

Please check out details and updates on our website and Facebook page. Posters and materials are available in the Narthex, or call the Office for more info.

**In Memoriam:****Harvey Whitney, September 30, 2022**

Harvey, a member of Strathearn United passed peacefully at the age of 103 years. A service took place on October 21 at Hainstock's Funeral Home. Our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

**Memorial Fund:** If you would like to make a memorial donation in memory of Harvey Whitney, or other friends or loved ones, their name will be added to the Memorial plaque in the Sanctuary, and the funds will be used to support the Memorial Garden and worship and sanctuary enhancements.