

Strathearn United Church

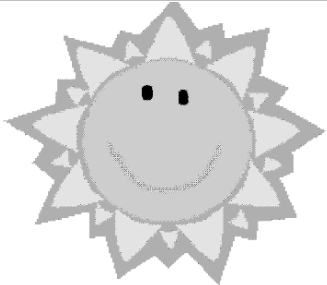
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6th Sunday after Pentecost

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.

Minister	Rev. Sandy Ferguson
Music Director	Kathryn Wood
Musician	Shannon Hiebert
Office Administrator	Rena Spiess
Custodian	Rup, Coverall Services

PRAYER CYCLE OF THE WEEK

Our Family: Susan & David Sharpe, Shires Family,
Irene & Doug Sheppard, Anne Shobbrook

Within Strathearn: Our Summer Volunteers

Northern Spirit: Hughenden United Church;
The People of Ottewell United Church

WCC: Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda

Strathearn United Church welcomes you to our
Morning Worship!
5th of July 2026, the Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

MUSICAL PRELUDE

WELCOME & GATHERING

*I'd rather be part of a church with messed up people who
love God, than be part of a church whose members
dislike messed-up people in the name of God.
(Adapted from an original quote)*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

OPENING HYMN: "O Breath of Life"

VU202

- 1 O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power;
O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us
and fit your church to meet this hour.
- 2 O Wind of God, come bend us, break us till humbly we
confess our need; then, in your tenderness remake us,
revive, restore — for this we plead.
- 3 O Breath of love, come breathe within us, renewing
thought and will and heart; come, love of Christ, afresh
to win us, revive your church in every part.

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PRAYER OF APPROACH: *A prayer from the fifth century*

One: Almighty God, You fill all things with Your
presence. In Your great love, keep us near You
this day. Grant that in all our ways and doings we

may remember that You see us. And may we always have grace to know and perceive what things You would have us do, and give us strength to do the same. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A UNITED CHURCH CREED

All: 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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF GRACE

I waited, I waited on the Lord, VU954
I waited, I waited on the Lord;
who bent down low and remembered me
and who heard my prayer.

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From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" -Matthew 4:17

All: God, sometimes we sin in ignorance. Sometimes we sin in weakness. And sometimes we sin through our own choice. In this time of prayer we turn to You and say we are sorry.

(Silence)

One: God have mercy.

All: Christ have mercy.

One: God have mercy. Let us pray.

All: 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

HYMN: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" VU664

- 1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care? Christ the Saviour is our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer. Do our friends despise, forsake us? Are we tempted to despair? Jesus' strength will shield our weakness, and we'll find new courage there.

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WE SHARE IN GOD'S WORD

One: God, we give thanks for Your Word. As we listen, may these words challenge and renew our faith so we may continue Your story in the world around us. Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING: GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 11:16-19

One: "But to what will I compare this generation?

All: It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance We wailed, and you did not mourn.'

One: "For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'

All: The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

One: Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 11:25-30

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

THE WORD OF GOD ENACTED

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; VU541
praise God, all creatures high and low;
give thanks to God in love made known:
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.

The Dedication of Gifts:

One: God, You bless us with gifts of time, talent and treasure and in doing so, You invite us to share these gifts as a witness to our faith in Your Kingdom. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 struggling 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.

HYMN: "I Danced in the Morning"

VU352

1 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
and I came from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth. **R**

R Dance, then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he,
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.

2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,
but they would not dance and they would not follow me;
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on. **R**

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;
the holy people said it was a shame;
they whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and left me there on a cross to die. **R**

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
they buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on. **R**

5 They cut me down and I leap up high;
I am the life that will never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he. **R**

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SENDING FORTH:

One: We are part of a story. We are part of a song.
May our lives in the world be a witness to this story
so others may join in our song. Amen.

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connect & Share: July & August coffee hosts are volunteers. A sign-up sheet is available in the Narthex. Please sign up if you are able.

Forever Greene Legacy Campaign: We have collected \$1130 to date. Way to go Strathearn!

The Ladies Lunch: Friday, **July 10**, at 11:30 am at Ricky's All Day Grill, Mill Creek. Please RSVP Jo-Anne at 780-965-9294 by July 8.

Book Club: Thursday, **July 16**, 7:00 pm in person and on Zoom. We're reading *The Bookshop of Yesterdays* by Amy Meyerson. For questions or Zoom link, call Kathryn Wood, 780-293-0752 or Nancy Tysick, 780-468-1352.

Staff Summer Holidays:

- Rev Sandy: July 13 - 20
- Rena: July 6-10, & Aug 17 – 21. Messages checked.
- Shannon: July 5 – August 9
- Kathryn is off during July and August.



In Memoriam:

Shirley Ronaghan, June 27, 2026

Shirley and her husband, Allen (2020) came to us from Saskatoon in 1990 and became active members of Strathearn United. Shirley was also part of our United Church Women. Shirley's Celebration of Life and Reception will be here at Strathearn, July 18, at 2:00 pm with Rev Sandy officiating. All are welcome.

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