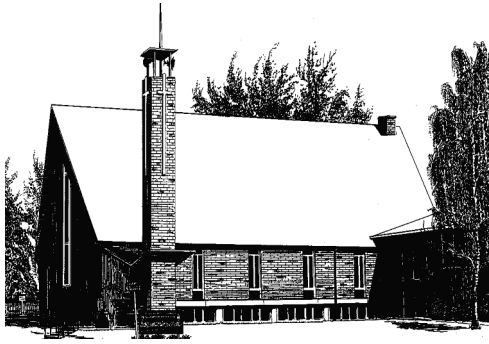


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*“We are a faith community building relationships
with God, all people, and our world.”*

June 26, 2011

We welcome Dr. Angie Irvine as our Worship Leader today.

The sacred work of hospitality is grounded in attitudes of respect and care. Engaging such holy welcome in Jesus' name offers the potential of sacred moments. We may encounter the presence of God in others, who may experience in us the love of Christ. As God has loved and welcomed us, so are we called to embrace a life of hospitality.

If you would like to stay seated for any or all of the “standing” parts of the service, please feel free to do so.

Need a refuge? Our Nursery is located off Memorial Hall, has a speaker system through which to hear the service, and exists for all who may need this space. Memorial Hall approach is via the pulpit side exit.

Prelude / Sharing Announcements / A Time of Greeting

A Time of Silent Preparation—Lighting the Christ Candle

Call to Worship (*Responsive*)

One: When the road ahead looms endless,

**All: may we be empowered to be companions for one another
along the road.**

One: When the road forward is blocked,

**All may we be inspired in creative responses that move us beyond
the barriers.**

One: When the road before us divides,

All: may we be enabled to feel Holy presence luring us on.

Opening Prayer (*Unison*)

As we listen to the life of our communities, may we sense a Sacred Presence in its murmuring rhythms, its working and walking and talking, its colours and faces and longings. Amen.

Hymn #570 *Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands*

Coloring packets for the children are available in the first pew on the pulpit side of the church.

Prayer for Transformation (*Unison*)

Let us not hang back from saying the words which are on our hearts; words of comfort, words of challenge, words to bring peace. May we have the readiness to speak out. When we are conscious of deeply troubling feelings; anger towards a person, guilt over a past wrong, bitterness stemming from a chance event in life; may we have the readiness to openly express our feelings. If we see the needy who are lacking a supportive family, lacking life's basic necessities, lacking the love of a friend, may we have the readiness to act... (time for silent reflection)

Words of Assurance (*One*)

We always know the words that need saying. The actions to be taken. May peace be ours, as we speak and act from the heart. Amen.

Biblical Notes / Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 13 from the Hebrew Scriptures Pg. 544

*Other lessons for your personal consideration from today's lections are:
Genesis 22:1-14; Romans 6:12-23.*

Anthem “Psalm of Quietness”

Matthew 10:40-42 from the Christian Scriptures Pg. 16

Reflection “A Window into Mental Health”

Hymn #896 “Blest Are They”

Mission Momentô Sharon Clay

Our Church Tithes and Offerings / Offertory

Dedication Hymn #537 “Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands”

Prayer of Dedication (*One*)

We give thanks for our life and the courage we are given to live it. Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity. Let our faith be expressed in good causes. Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.

Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession & Lord's Prayer

Hymn #260 "God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness"

Commissioning (One)

Let us go as people ready for adventure! May we venture forth to risk life-giving experiences. May we venture forth to challenge clear evidence of injustice; to meeting the needs of troubled loved ones. Let us venture forth with Jesus' example before us. We venture forth with Divine inner peace to secure us.

Choral Amen

Hymn #509 "I, the Lord of Sea and Sky" (Chorus only.)

Postlude

Welcome to Westminster this morning.

Please gather for coffee in Memorial Hall, following worship.

This Week at Westminster (June 26th – July 2nd)

Sun.	Christian Development	9:30 a.m.	Nursery
	Worship Dr. Angie Irvine	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary
Tue.	Staff Meeting	9:00 a.m.	Lounge
Thu.	Senior Choir Practice	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Fri.	Canada Day ó Office Closed		

Next Week at Westminster (July 3rd – 9th)

Sun.	Local Food Needs	10:00 a.m.	Narthex
Sun.	Worship	10:25 a.m.	Sanctuary

Friendship Rosters: Please sign the Friendship Roster this morning. It is a helpful record of your worship presence and a way to share special concerns.

Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, or shopped at the Garage, Collectible & Plant Sale, on May 14/15. From the proceeds \$500 has been donated to the Elm Street School lunch program and \$500 to the Young Mom's Program at MHSD #76. Both programs were extremely grateful for our support.

Mark your calendar for the Women's Retreat, Saturday, September 10th from 9:30 a.m. (coffee) to 4:00 p.m. Registration \$20, includes lunch. Deadline September 4th. Further info to follow. Contact Grace Roth (403-527-0206).

Canada Day Worship for all ages; 9:30 a.m. at Kin Coulee Park, with Pastor George Koopmans, Christian Reformed Church. Special guests: Dwight Seib & Band and GX Canada.

Celebrations This Week

Ministry was extended into the community this past week as James officiated at the marriage celebration of Ryan MacGregor and Brandon Wynn.

Birthdays: Gordon Bruins, Pat Connell, John Robertson, Margaret Shirkie, Bonnie Spruyt, Mary Skjenna, Mary Anne Hayward, Taylor Croissant, and

Hector Schneider.

Anniversaries: Hector & Vi Schneider, Peter & Bea Hirsch, Ted & Kim Sherring, and Keith & Joyce Scott.

Flowers are placed in the Sanctuary this morning in memory of **Melvyn Herter**, lovingly remembered by **Sonja & family**.

South Alberta Presbytery: Our prayers this week are requested for Canyon Church Camp Board & Staff.

Our Order of Ministry This Morning

Greeters & Ushers	UCW
Coffee Hosts	UCW
Scripture Reader	Sharon Clay
Elder-in-Charge	Doug Pearson

Next Week's Readings: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67; Psalm 45:10-17 or Songs of Songs 2:8-13; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30; Romans 7:15-25a

Stewardship Thought for Today

Emptying our cups creates a space for God's love to fill.

by the Rev. Catherine MacDonald (United Memorial United Church, Halifax).

Summer Worship — 10:00 a.m.

July services at Westminster
August services at Fifth Avenue Memorial

Summer Office Hours

and Church Open: Tuesday ó Friday, 11:00 a.m. ó 3:00 p.m.
(In effect June 28th – August 19th.)

Enjoy your summer!