



Westminster United Church

Worship Service for 22, 2018

Camp Sunday

Today's Worship Leaders are Anna Marie Hancock
and Dave Fletcher, Director of Camp Shagabec

Today's Music is led by Jeannette Zollner

CALL TO WORSHIP: *(adapted from Sara Wrightly and Norma Wrightly, Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, p. 70. Used with permission.)*

One: People of God,

Two: Turn and notice the faces of those we know and love – neighbours and friends, family in the Spirit, a community of hearts that love together

One: People of God,

Two: Turn and notice all the images of God gathered here. In me, in you, in each of us, God's spirit shines for all to see.

One: People of God, come. Let us worship together.

✚ **PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: "Jesus, Stand among us"** (VU 396 vs 1&2)

OPENING PRAYER: *(Written by Bill Steadman, Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, page 48. Used with permission.)*

One: O God, who cracks open the seed, the soil, and even the grave and brings forth new life,

All: we praise you for your wondrous touch

One: You, the One who stretches daylight, warms the air, melts the shadows and cold within us,

All: we praise you for your healing touch.

One: You, the One who sets birds singing and hearts laughing

All: we praise you for your renewing touch.

One: This day we bring everything to you, in us, in our lives, and in our world that is still wrapped in winter coldness.

All: Work your wonder in us. Let patience and strength take root. Let hope bud where none seems possible. Let passion and a courage for what is right flower in us. May life rise out of empty hearts and broken places. Work your Easter wonder in us. All praise be yours. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share a sign of peace with each other.

CAMP SONGS/ACTIVITIES: (Led by Dave Fletcher)

INVITATION TO PRAYER:

One: All of us bring the prayers of our hearts with us to church, and now is a time when we can name those joys and concerns and offer them to God. We do not have to hold them alone. As we prepare to offer our personal prayers to God, let us take a moment of silence and simply breathe. [during the silence, light taper from Christ candle and go to prayers of the people candle]

Child: Creator, at camp we gather in natural places you have made and we learn about ourselves, the world and you. Thank you for these experiences and places of love and growth. We light this candle today for all the camps that give life to your people and your world.

[God of love/Hear our prayer]

One: Please feel free to come forward and light candles for the prayers on your hearts today.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Response after each prayer:

One: God of Love; **ALL: Hear Our Prayer**

Child: The Medicine Hat Ministerial Association invites you to pray for **Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Onieu, Base Commander, CFB Suffield** and **Eagle's Nest Ranch**

Child: South East Alberta Presbytery invites you to pray the **Staff at UCRD**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION:

One: As we listen to today's scripture readings, please open our hearts, minds and lives to you, loving God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE: **Psalm 23** (*Sung to the Tune of "Happy Wanderer"*)

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want,
He makes me down to lie,
In pastures green He leadeth me,
The quiet waters by.

**Chorus: He lives, He lives,
I know that my Redeemer lives,
He lives, He lives,
He lives within my heart.**

2. My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make,
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.
3. Yea, tho' I walk through death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill,
For Thou art with me and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

Chorus:

4. My table Thou hast furnish-ed
In presence of my foes,
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me,
And in God's house forever-more
My dwelling place shall be.

Chorus:

SCRIPTURE: **1 John 3: 16-20, 23**

MEDITATION: Dave Fletcher, Director, Camp Shagabec

✠HYMN: **"This Little Light of Mine"**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **Bringing Kids to Nature** (Video)

LIFE AND WORK

For our offering today, you also have the opportunity to make a specific donation to Camp Shagabec, the camp that the children and youth of Westminster generally attend and also to Canyon Church Camp in Waterton as they rebuild after last summer's fire. If you would like to make a donation to one or both of these camps in addition to your general offering, please place the donation in the envelope in your pew and indicate on the envelope where you would like your donation to go. Please make cheque payable to Westminster United Church. These envelopes can just go in the offering plate with our general offerings. Let us offer our gifts to God through the life and work of this church and these camps. The offering will now be received.

OFFERTORY: **"Just a Closer Walk With Me"**

1. I am weak but Thou art strong,
Jesus keep me from all wrong,
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk, close to Thee.

**Ch: Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea;
Daily walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

2. Thru' this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.
3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er,
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.
4. When life's sun sets in the west,
Lord, may I have done my best.
May I find sweet peace and rest,
In that home, happy home of the blest.

✠DOXOLOGY: "Grant Us, God, the Grace" (VU 540)

✠DEDICATION (*adapted from Sara Wrightly and Norma Wrightly, Gathering Lent/Easter 2018, p. 71. Used with permission.*)

All: Gracious God, you are so good to us. Today we offer a prayer of our thanksgiving for all of the blessings revealed to us through Christian camping and outdoor ministries. Thank you. Please use our gifts to bless your creation and all the ministries that give life within it. Amen.

✠A NEW CREED (Spoken): (VU 918)

✠CLOSING HYMN: **"Pass It On"**

1. It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
And soon all those around can warm up to its glowing,
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You spread His love to everyone,
You want to pass it on.
2. What a wondrous time is spring when all the trees are budding!

The birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming;
That's how it is with God's love,
Once you've experienced it:
You want to sing, it's fresh like spring,
You want to pass it on.

3. I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found,
You can depend on Him, it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Coda: I'll shout it from the mountain top,
I want my world to know,
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

✠COMMISSIONING:

All: Let us go out to love one another, to love the children and youth of the world, to love the young adults and the middles and the seniors. Let us go out to love the world, and all of God's creation. For in loving, the Holy Spirit lives in us and we live in God.

✠SENDING FORTH HYMN: "You Shall Go Out With Joy" (VU 884)

✠BENEDICTION:

One: Our benediction is one that is used at some church camps at the end of the day. Let's say it together:

All: May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent one from the other. Thanks for the day, friends!

One: Go in peace.

✠CHORAL AMEN: (VU 974)

Assisting with the Service This Morning

<i>Elder-in-Charge:</i>	Murray Bell
<i>Scripture Reader:</i>	Sandra McDonald
<i>Greeters:</i>	Rose & Dan Connor
<i>Coffee Hosts:</i>	Linda Kisell & Doris Kornelson
<i>Sound System Operator:</i>	Pat Evans
<i>PowerPoint Operator:</i>	Kathy Nielsen

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

Donations at Coffee Time for April are allocated to the Champion Centre.

Please join us in Memorial Hall for a Hot Dog Lunch to celebrate Camp Day!

Announcements

Saturday, April 28, 11:30 – 1:30 pm: *Let's Do Lunch* at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church. Adults \$10.00, Under 12 \$5.00. If you have items for the bake table or White Elephant Table, please contact Maureen at Fifth Avenue Memorial (403-526-2273).

Saturday, May 5, 2018, 2- 4 pm: *Spring Tea and Bake Sale* at St. Barnabas Church (635 4 Street SE). Book Table and Jewellery Table

Saturday, May 5th -- 5 p.m Gordon Memorial United Church Spring Supper (Beef & Yorkshire Pudding) - Adults \$17 -- Children 12 to 6 - \$8 -- 5 and under free. For Tickets call Reita at 403-548-3517.

Sunday, May 27, 7:00 pm Great Plains Concert, featuring Darrell and Saskia. They will be performing a variety of songs, including some Gospel songs. This couple performed at Westminster United Church a few years ago, and they put on an amazing concert! Tickets are \$15.00 each. Tickets can be purchased through the office (Monday to Thursday, 9 am – 4 pm) or through Committee Members. *Sponsored by the Committee to Find a Way to Feed the Cow.*

Jul 21 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Camp Shagabec (For Ages: 5-105 years old)

Mark this day in your calendar! Camp Shagabec will celebrate its 80th year with an open house social. From 1-2 there will be tours of camp and activities. From 2-3 there will be a short program and then cake and refreshments. Then there will be a giant group photo followed by time to visit and investigate camp. We are hoping this will be a great reunion of campers and counsellors from past years to reconnect with one another. So, call your friends and make plans to meet at Shagabec's 80th birthday party!

Ways You Can Contribute To Camp Shagabec

Bring your **Canadian Tire Money** to be given to Camp Shagabec for purchasing supplies/equipment.

Bake Cookies: Campers and staff REALLY appreciate the cookies that are donated each year! They are looking for 7 – 10 ice-cream pails of cookies from the Medicine Hat area for the Hodge-Podge Camps.

Volunteer at the Camp: (Camps run from July 1 through August 15)

- Kitchen Helper (18 or older)
- CIT (Counsellor in Training: ages 14 and 15) only eligible for Scampers, Squirts, and Hodgepodge camps
- Counsellor (16 or older)
- First-Aider (18 or older, must have a valid First Aid certificate)
- Camping Granny/Gramps (must be 50+) only needed at the Squirts, Jr Scampers, and Jr Hodgepodge camps

Bring items to contribute to Camp Kits!

You can help Camp Shagabec by donating any of the items on the lists on the bulletin board by Memorial Hall and on the reverse side of this page. Your gift helps Camp Shagabec to keep offering a great camp program at a low price.

Camp Kit Items

Director's Cabin Kit

- Black wedge tip jiffy markers
- Colored fine-point jiffy markers (Sharpies)
- Washable markers
- Construction Paper
- Balloons (1/4 lb bags)
- Scrap Books or Notebooks
- Sports whistle
- Masking Tape
- Coffee Mate
- Zip lock sandwich bags
- Ball point pens, pencils
- Alarm clocks

Maintenance Kit

- Liquid hand soap
- Square Batteries for smoke detectors
- All purpose Cleaner
- Laundry Detergent
- Brooms
- Duct Tape
- Light bulbs (energy efficient)
- Metal Mop Bucket
- Carpet (not long shag), doormat-size
- Lumber, good shovel, good axe

Kitchen Kit

- Good veggie peeler
- Good paring knife
- Black garbage bags
- Dish Soap
- J-Cloths
- Jam, peanut butter
- Ketchup, mustard
- Graham wafers
- Chocolate Chips

Sports Shack Kit

- Hula Hoops
- Badminton birds and rackets
- Nerf balls of all shapes and sizes
- Volleyball, basketball, softball, tennis balls,
- Teen-size softball gloves
- Frisbees
- Plastic Ball
- Ping pong balls
- Bubbles and wands

Administration Kit

- Stamps
- Envelopes
- Computer Paper

Craft Room Kit

- Bottle of white glue, eyeballs
- Pipe cleaners
- Big clear garbage bags
- Glue sticks for glue gun (small , low heat)
- Paint brushes
- Acrylic paints
- Embroider cotton
- Pony beads
- Hemp
- Poster Boards (good one side)

Medic Cabin Kit

- Tylenol & Coup Syrup (Adult and children)
- Polysporin
- Mosquito repellent
- First aid tape, bandaids
- Antihistamine
- Kaopectate
- After bite
- Saline Solution
- Coup drops, through lozenges
- Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)

Cabin Kit

- Children's Story Book
- Riddle Books
- Dice
- Joke books (for young campers)
- Magic tricks
- Comic Books
- Trivia Books
- Brain teasers (tee games, Rubic's Cube)
- UNO
- Other fun "rainy day" cabin items

Thank you for your generosity!

Please bring the items to the church before June 15, 2018. We will then pack and send off to Camp Shagabec!

