



# Strathmore United Church

*February 21, 2021*

*First Sunday of Lent*

*"Treasure"*

## Welcome and announcements:

## Lighting of the Candle:

**Centering Song:** Vessels, holy and whole  
Broken, needing the One  
Open, body and soul  
Healer, come.

## Opening Prayer of Confession:

L: Creator God, We are bodies fashioned by your hand in your own image, shapes and colors of diverse and immense beauty. And yet too often we have ignored the sacred nature of our physical lives. The Holy Vessels you have fashioned are tired and suffering, ravaged by months of disrupted rhythms and ailment. Our fragility has come into full view and we are frightened. We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from our own needs.

**P: Help us, Healer. Show us our strength. Forgive our inertia. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care.**

L: In this silence, we sense and acknowledge our yearning for wholeness. (*Silence*)

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## Assurance:

**Hymn:** Healer of Our Every Ill                      \*VU #619  
Healer of our every ill,  
light of each tomorrow,  
give us peace beyond our fear,  
and hope beyond our sorrow.

- 1 You who know our fears and sadness,  
grace us with your peace and gladness.  
Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. R
- 2 In the pain and joy beholding,  
how your grace is still unfolding.  
Give us all your vision, God of love. R

**Reading the Scripture and Message:**

 **Hymn:** Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands \*VU #570

- 1 Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all,  
healing pain and sickness, blessing children small,  
washing tired feet, and saving those who fall;  
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.
- 2 Take my hands, O Jesus, let them work for you,  
make them strong and gentle, kind in all I do;  
let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,  
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.

**Minute for Mission:**

**The Offering:**

 **Sung Dedication:** Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands \*VU#537

- 1 Your work, O God, needs many hands  
to help you everywhere,  
and some there are who cannot serve  
unless our gifts we share.
- 2 Because we love you and your work,  
our offering now we make:  
be pleased to use it as your own,  
we ask for Jesus' sake.

**Prayer of Dedication:**

 **Hymn** Prayer Responses \*VU#948

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:  
When I call answer me.

O God, hear my prayer, O God, hear my prayer:  
Come and listen to me.

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer:**

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. Lead us not into temptation, and deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

 **Hymn:** Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me \*VU #637

1 Jesus, Saviour, pilot me  
over life's tempestuous sea;  
unknown waves before me roll,  
hiding rock and treacherous shoal;  
chart and compass come from thee,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

2 As a mother stills her child,  
thou canst hush the ocean wild;  
boisterous waves obey thy will  
when thou biddest them 'Be still.'  
Wondrous sovereign of the sea,  
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.

**Commissioning and Blessing:**

**Musical Response:**

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**Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':**

Phone, email –connect with someone today and share the  
Peace of Christ.

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