



Strathmore United Church

February 28, 2021

*Lent Two/ Service at the Lodge and Sagewood
"Safe Keeping"*

Welcome and announcements:

Lighting of the Candle:

People gather around Jesus as his reputation becomes known from town to town. As we gather virtually or physically, we too are yearning for presence, for peace, for help.

L: We continue our Lenten "season of recovery" as we focus on health as essential to our spiritual lives.

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

Opening Prayer of Confession:

L: Let us acknowledge our need to restore, repair, renew our Holy Vessels, which include the communities of which we are a part.

Let us pray:


God of All, You created us for each other. You set in us a yearning for companionship and an empathy that binds us together, protecting each other and delighting in one another. Yet too often we have broken down our relationships instead of building them up. We have been set against one another with the lie of scarcity. We have built systems and economies that widen the gap of resources rather than safeguarding equitable practices. Too many, and growing numbers, are suffering hardship, food insecurity, joblessness. We cannot fathom the proportions of loss and so we look away, sometimes even from the need in our own community.

P: Help us, Healer. Show us our empathy. Forgive our complacency. Move us to move one step at a time toward greater care for one another.

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

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Assurance:

 Hymn: Come To My Heart *VU #661

- 1** **Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
come to my heart today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

- 2** **Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
fill me with love today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Fill me with love, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.**

Reading the Scripture and Message:

 Hymn: My Faith Looks Up to Thee *VU #663

- 1** **My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine.
Now hear me while I pray;
take all my guilt away.
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

- 2 While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide,
bid darkness turn to day;
wipe sorrow's tears away;
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

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:** He Leadeth Me *VU #657

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

He leadeth me! He leadeth me!
By his own hand he leadeth me!
His faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me!

2 Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. R

Commissioning and Blessing:

Musical Response:

Vessels, holy and whole
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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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