



Strathmore United Church

January 24, 2021

Epiphany 3

Words of Welcome and announcements:

Psalm: Psalm 62: 5-12

Lighting of the Candles:

Centering Song: Where Two or Three Are Gathered *MV#14

Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

Call to Worship:

L: This is my day:

P: A day of rest, a day of hope, a day of peace and happiness.

L: this is the day the Lord has made:

P: A day to sing, a day to praise, a day to become one in the
Spirit.

L: This is the day the Lord has made.

P: Let us honour this day by worshipping the Lord.

♪♪ Hymn: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise *VU #264

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise;
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes;
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.
- 2 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

Gathering Prayer:

We come to you, O God, our River of Life: may we drink deeply,
and receive your grace. We come to you, O God, our Rock of
Ages: may we stand in trust, and receive your strength. We

come to you, O God, our Source of Compassion: may we open our hearts, and receive your healing love. Amen.

 **Hymn:** This Is God's Wonderous World *VU #296

- 1 This is God's wondrous world,
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.
- 2 This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.


Scripture and Message: The Beatitudes Matthew 5:1-12

 **Hymn:** Arise, Your Light is Come *VU #79

- 1 Arise, your light is come!
The Spirit's call obey;
show forth the glory of your God,
which shines on you today.
- 2 Arise, your light is come!
Fling wide the prison door;
proclaim the captive's liberty,
good tidings to the poor.

Minute for Mission:

The Offering: Let us give, as each is able, according to the blessings God has given each of us.

 **Sung Dedication:** As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought *VU#518

**With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

Prayer of Dedication:

 **Hymn** Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying *VU#400

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace!**

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:** Each Blade of Grass *MV #37

Each blade of grass, every wing that soars, the waves that sweep across a distant shore, make full the circle of God. Each laughing child, every gentle eye, a forest lit beneath a moon bright sky, make full the circle of God.

Each silent paw, every rounded stone, the buzz that echo's from a honey'd comb, make full the circle of God.

Each fire brimmed star, every outstretched hand, the wind that leaps and sails across the land, make full the circle of God.

Commissioning and Blessing:

Choral Response: I Am Walking a Path of Peace *MV #221

I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
I am walking a path of peace,
Lead me home,
Lead me home.

Giving and Receiving the 'Peace of Christ':

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

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