

**Any Questions?**

Feel free to ask a greeter or welcome host for assistance.

**Enhanced Audio** headsets for the hard of hearing are available from the sound person.

**Washrooms** are located in the foyer, one in the nursery and two more near the church office.

**Can't find it in the bulletin?**

Check out our website for all the latest on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, detailed information on our core values, and much more!

**Sermon:** Our sermons for each week are uploaded on our website.

**Congregational Care:** Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact [okcongregational-care@telus.net](mailto:okcongregational-care@telus.net) or the church office at 403-938-4357.

**Stay connected!** Sign up for our weekly emails - keep in touch throughout the week through our website. E-mail Diane Willis at [okunited@telus.net](mailto:okunited@telus.net) to sign up for our weekly e-mails.

**Healing Ministry** - the Healing Ministry will provide sessions during the month of August by appointment only. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information.

**OUR WELCOME HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP TOO!!**

You can find them in the entryway to the sanctuary

**Profile Update: Who is el hombre? Last week's profile was Mark Dutkoski, DeWinton's Board Chair. Sorry for the omission.**



**Outdoor Service and Picnic - Sunday, Sept 1 at 10:00.** We will be having a combined service on Sunday Sept 1 at the **DeWinton Church**. DeWinton will provide the meat and the drinks. Okotoks will provide the Salads and Desserts. There will be games for the kids. Please bring your lawn chairs. (There will be no service at Okotoks that Sunday). If you need a ride to DeWinton please let Julia know.



**Prayer needs:**

**Karen Wolfe and her mother Bernice Bishof**

**Ron Milton and Lyn Fitzmaurice**

**Sharon and Len Campbell**

**Audrey Hipwell**

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**With God's Help we are:  
Following Jesus,  
Reaching Others,**

**Statement of Purpose**

As Followers of Jesus, we are committed to:

Accepting all who come. Creating a sense of belonging;  
Compassionately caring for each other and those in need;  
worshipping and sharing generously with each other  
and our community.

Cheerfully join our community of faith on our journey to follow  
the teachings of Jesus



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**OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES**

**Sunday, August 25, 2019**

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Worship Leadership Team**

Rev. Julia Kimmett & Betty-Lou Bayley, Tamara Webster

**Congregational responses are printed in bold**

*\*Indicates please stand in body or in spirit*

**Work of the Community (Announcements)**

**Acknowledging the Territory**

**Word of Welcome**

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

*We come together today with all of God's creation to this holy place.*

**God has offered the invitation to worship, and we have responded.**

*We delight in the barks and meows and whispers of leaves, reminding us of all that shares this earth with us.*

**The creatures present here that we love, all creatures we have loved and the creatures living freely in the wild.**

*With joy we will share our love with all creation, those with two or four legs, many legs, or no legs. All that is animated through the spirit of the living God.*

**Peace! Peace! May we bring Your shalom to the world!**

**Hymn: God Sees the Little Sparrow Fall**

**God sees the little sparrow fall,  
it meets his tender view;  
if God so loves the little birds,  
I know he loves me too.**

**Refrain:**

**He loves me too, he loves me too,  
I know he loves me too;  
Because he loves the little things,  
I know he loves me too.**

**He paints the lilies of the field,  
perfumes each little bell;  
if he so loves the little flow'rs,  
I know he loves me well. [Refrain]**

**God made the little birds and flow'rs,  
and all things great and small;  
he'll not forget his little ones,  
I know he loves them all. [Refrain]**

**Prayer of Approach (responsive)**

*We give thanks and praise to you God for the gifts so freely bestowed on us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea:*

**We praise you, Creator.**

*For the richness of the mountains, plains, and rivers:*

**We praise you, Creator.**

*For all that is good in the lives of all people:*

**We praise you, Creator.**

*For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;*

**We praise you, Creator.**

*For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;*

**We praise you, Creator.**

*For the trust you have shown in giving into our care our pets:*

**We praise you, Creator.**

**May we continue to grow in our grateful appreciation, stewardship, and enjoyment of your abundant creation. Amen.**

**Offering and Prayer of Thanks**

**Song: Creation Doo Wah Ditty**

Scripture: Numbers 22:1-35 Balaam and his donkey

Blessing the Animals

A Moment of Remembrance and Blessing Prayer (for pets we have loved and lost)

**The Prayer that Jesus taught**

**Eternal Spirit,  
Earth-Maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,  
source of all that is and that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all.  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:  
The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!  
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the earth!  
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!  
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth. With the bread we need for today,  
feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever. Amen.**

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**Hymn: All God's Critters Bill Staines**

Chorus

All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some sing higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire  
And some just clap their hands, or paws or anything they got now

Well, listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog croaks and the hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to do  
And the old cow just goes, 'Moo' (Chorus)

Well, the dogs and the cats they take up the middle  
The honeybee hums and the crickets fiddle  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls (Chorus)

Well, listen to the top where the little bird sings  
The melody with the high voice ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jaybird disagrees (Chorus)

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and he's on his way  
The 'possum don't have much to say  
And the porcupine talks to herself (Chorus)

Everybody here is a part of the plan  
We all get to play in the great critter band  
From the eagle in the sky to the whale in the sea  
It's one great symphony (Chorus)

**Commissioning and Blessing**