

Stettler United Church



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We are United Churches at Big Valley, Erskine and Stettler.

Date: July 6, 2025
Fourth after Pentecost
Theme: Let Us Sow Seeds of
God's Love!

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Linda Kneeland

Audio/Visual:

(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Sing Along** with Rev. Kwon ~ July 25th 1:00 pm

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Come gather in this sanctuary of worship.

We come to have the Spirit unify and strengthen our faith.

Come sing and share in worship.

We come to worship God, who gifted us with melody and senses.

Come this day, which God has made, to worship and be renewed.

We come grateful for each day God has made, because in each of these days, we can worship and be renewed.

Leigh Sinclair, St. David's U.C., Beaumont and Leduc, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost-1 2025, 36. Used with Permission.

Lighting the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a reminder of God's covenant of love with humanity.

We welcome the light as a testimony to our commitment to seek God by worshipping together in community.

God's love knows no bounds. Jesus commits to being present with us. Spirit makes herself at home amid our collective struggles.

May this light bring us encouragement and comfort today.

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***Hymn *The Living God Be Praised* VU#255**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We draw near to you, Gracious God, and yearn for more and better ways to sing your praise.

For you restore health and courage and life itself.

Help us to proclaim the honours of your name. And when the fear is too much,

and our praises grow faint or stop altogether,

when we cease to care for your creation and your creatures,
forgive us.

Restore our spirits

and grant us new joy, new power, new love, we pray.

(a time of silent prayer)

Robin Wardlaw, Toronto, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost-1 2025, 43. Used with Permission.

***Hymn *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* VU#288**

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Prayer of Illumination

These words come from the scriptures of our tradition.

May we find wisdom for our daily living.

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Scripture Readings: Linda Kneeland

2 Kings 5:1-14: Naaman comes to Elisha for healing from leprosy.

Galatians 6:7-10: You reap what you sow; sow in the Spirit.

Luke 10:1-11: The mission of the 70 who carried nothing.

Welcoming a New Member

Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1) (being seated)

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

***Hymn *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky* VU#509**

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Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* VU#541**

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Offering Prayer

ALL: In this time of uncertainty, giving God, be to us a comfort and prompt us to be of comfort to others. We ask for your blessing on these gifts and on the large and small gifts of caring we share with others in the days and weeks ahead. Amen.

Beth W Johnston, Bridging Waters P.C., Nipawin, Sask. Gathering, Pentecost-1 2025, 47. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

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 but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn *Lord, You Give the Great Commission* VU#512**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude