



Date: September 28, 2025
Sixteenth after Pentecost &
Creation Time 4
Theme: Earn, Save and Give!

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee

Musician: Barbara-Lynn & Dave Goodwin

Audio/Visual: Holly/Nora

(*: 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)

- **Annual Firefighters** Food Drive ~ October 06
- **Private Event** October 08 all day ~ hosted by UCW
- **October 16th is pie making day**, please drop fruit off at the church during office hours (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9 - noon), or make other drop off arrangements.
- **LUV2READ Date Change** ~ New date, **October 2nd** 7pm.
- **Printed Announcements** are available in the Narthex. Please pick them up for additional information and dates.

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

Welcome to all as we join in worship this morning.

As sure as a prairie sunrise, we lift each other up, united.

We come together as faith-filled people.

As sure as a prairie sunset, all our prayers rest in the heart of God.

Let the seeds of our faith grow deep...

connecting us to the vast, rich soil of creation.

In our receiving and our believing, let us worship.

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Light the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a sign of the Spirit at work in the world.

Here is a strengthening light in the neighbourhood.

(Light the Christ candle.)

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*Hymn ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*** VU#220

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Opening Prayer

Loving and merciful God, we are surrounded by your presence in all of creation and reminded of your love through its beauty.

Touch us with your Spirit as we worship here, and fill us with the Spirit's joy and energy for our lives, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

O Great Source of Love,

we long to share your love with the world,

but sometimes we forget that your love is for everyone, even for those who have wounded us.

O God, forgive us when we forget.

O Great Creator,
we experience all that is around us in Creation and are blessed by
beauty, but sometimes we forget to be good stewards of the
earth.

O God, forgive us when we forget.

O Eternal Spirit,
we want to follow the way of Jesus, but sometimes we forget to
pay attention to your presence, and our actions may not reflect
our best selves.

O God, forgive us when we forget.

In silence, we think of times that we have forgotten these things.
(*a time of silent prayer*)

Words of Assurance

Friends, receive this good news: The God who loved us into being
loves us still and will always love us, even when we forget about
God or God's creation.

We are loved and we are forgiven, through God's grace!

Thanks be to God.

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***Hymn Teach Me, God, to Wonder VU#299**

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Prayer of Illumination

**ALL: Author of all life, we ask you to write your words
upon our hearts and upon our minds, that they may guide
us and comfort us all the days of our lives. Amen.**

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Scripture Readings:

1 Timothy 6:6–19: The love of money; fight the good fight.

Luke 16:19–31: The rich man and Lazarus.

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

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message: Worship Committee

***Hymn *Bring Many Names* VU#268**

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A Mission and Service Story

Invitation for Offering

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

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Offering Prayer

God of infinite abundance, your mercy knows no ends. You love patiently and hopefully.

May we live love by sharing extravagantly.

We give to honour the great Giver.

Transform our lives into expressions of deep faithfulness.

Amen.

Laura Turnbaull, Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost-1 2025, 48. 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 *I Need Thee Every Hour* VU#671**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude