

Stettler United Church



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We are United Churches of Big Valley, Erasmie and Stettler.

Date: June 21, 2026
Fourth after Pentecost
Theme: God's Unchanging
Guidance

Worship Leaders: Rev. Dr. OhWang Kwon

Musician: Evelyn Strandquist

Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon

(*: 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-A-Long with** Rev. Kwon ~ Friday June 26, 2026
- **July Schedule change** ~ please pick up the updated schedule or the printed announcements from the narthex.

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

We delight in the gift of a new day.

Welcome to this time of worship. May God be praised and honoured in all that we do here this day.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane, Alta. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 38. Used with Permission.

Light the Christ Candle

We light this candle as a visible reminder that we are committed to working toward creative change in the world.

We turn to the Christ light as we worship with a spirit of love.

Christine LeBlanc, East End United Regional Ministry, Toronto, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 37. Used with Permission.

***Hymn *God of the Sparrow* VU#229**

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Opening Prayer

Prayer of Confession

We wander in the wilds, O God.

Sometimes pushed out by others.

Sometimes by our own choice.

Sometimes sent by you.

We wander in the wilds, O God,
and we are afraid.

Afraid that we don't have the skills.

Afraid that we don't have the resources.

Afraid because we are all alone.

We wander in the wilds, O God,
and we are afraid...

afraid for our very lives.

Help us, Holy God!

Open our senses to your presence!

Open our minds to your grace!

Open our hearts to your love!

Help us, Holy God!

As with Hagar and Ishmael,

you are our God, El Roi, the one who sees* us!
You are with us. You notice and know us.
We are your people.
Now and forevermore! Amen.

Richard Bott, Grace U.C., Burlington, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 45. Used with Permission.

***Hymn *My Soul Cries Out* MV#120**

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Prayer of Illumination

We thank you, God, for your living word, which we find in scripture. You meet us where we are. Your word comes to life when we gather in your name.

When you come seeking us in the stories and wisdom of the ages, may we be humble in attentiveness and grateful in receiving. Amen.

Wendy MacLean, Brockville, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 48. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 16:1-16, 21:8-21: Hagar and Ishmael sent away.

Reflection Miran Kyoung

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
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Offering Prayer

Gracious God, who calls us to generosity, we give many different gifts in many different ways to the mission and ministry of Stettler, Erskine and Big Valley United Churches.

We give of our abundance—our money, time, and talents. We give because we are grateful. In this way, we offer our thanks to you. Amen.

Irma Nadeau, Trinity U.C., Winnipeg, Man. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 48. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

ALL: 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 *Come, O Fount of Every Blessing* VU#559**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

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

Postlude