



Westminster United Church
Worship Service for April 28th, 2019
Today's Worship Leader is Kevin Koop

"We are a faith community building relationships with God, all people, and our world."

CALL TO WORSHIP: (Responsive) From Psalm 24:1-4

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;

**All: for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the Rivers.**

One: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who shall stand in his holy place?

**All: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

†PROCESSION OF CHRIST CANDLE: **"Christ Within Us is Hidden" (MV 162 vs 1&3)**

OPENING PRAYER:

Good God, we confess we are not worthy alone,
Yet we express our gratitude that through Christ we forgiven,
We are made worthy,
We are given grace we need to find ourselves at home in your love. Even as we
worship you this morning.

SHARING THE PEACE

†OPENING HYMN: **"Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" (VU245)**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

INVITATION TO PRAYER: **"Seek Ye First the Kingdom" (VU 356 vs 1&2)**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:
"The Lord's Prayer" (Sung)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION: **(Unison)**

**All: God of love and power,
You are revealed to us in your Word,
In accounts of prophecy and fulfillment
that directs our attention to Jesus Christ.
Illuminate us now as we hear your Word proclaimed,
that we may open our hearts to him,
yearn for his coming in glory,
and serve him with joy. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING: **Psalm 118:14-29**

One: This is the witness of ancient song-writers

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" (VU 220)

SERMON: **"God is My Strength"**

†HYMN: **"You Tell Me That the Lord has Risen" (VU 185)**

MINUTES FOR MISSION: **"A Place of Wellness for Mother and Child"**

LIFE AND WORK:

OFFERING PRAYER:

Gracious God, we give our best,
we are not our own, we belong to you.
We extend our arms and open our hands
to present our offerings to you.
Receive these gifts from us, and through them bring life and hope to many. Amen.

OFFERTORY:

†DOXOLOGY: **"Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" (VU 537)**

†DEDICATION:

God, in the confidence of our faith, we know that we do not have to earn your love and care. It is ours by grace. Living stone, as we leave this place, let our lives be a fragrant offering of worship and love in the midst of all that we give and receive throughout our days.

†A NEW CREED: (Spoken)

†CLOSING HYMN: **"Jesus Christ Has Risen Today" (VU 155)**

†COMMISSIONING/BENEDICTION:

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word" (from 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17)

‡SENDING FORTH: **"We shall go Out with Hope of Resurrection" (VU 586 first half of verse 1 & last half of verse 2)**

CHORAL AMEN

Postlude

Announcements

Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance-free. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with asthma, allergies and other medical conditions. Please do not wear perfume, cologne, aftershave and other fragrances.

The Peace Candle is lit as a reminder to Christians to pray for and work for world peace.

The U.C.W will be holding a "bakeless" bake sale fundraiser every Sunday at W.U.C throughout the month of May. Details upcoming...

April and May editions of "The Upper Room" are available on the ramp.

"They Say It's Spring" Joyful Sound Ladies' Chorus of FAM performing Sunday, April 28th @ 2:00 PM. Admission is \$10.00 at the door (FAM), \$5.00 for children 12 and under.

U of A Mixed Chorus featuring The Faculty of Education Handbell Ringers will be performing a concert at Fifth Avenue Memorial United Church @ 7:00 pm on Thursday, May 2. Free Will Offering.

"SING INTO SPRING" with the Tartones Men's chorus concert Sunday, May 5th 2:00pm @ St. John's Presbyterian Church. A diverse program with Guest Soloist Edmond Camphor & Directed by Judith Dickie & Accompanist, Allison Kapcala. Free Will Offering.

Changes to Food Bank Sunday: you will have the opportunity to donate cash to the local Food Bank as an alternative to bringing in food donations. A separate envelope will be passed around during the offering and if you wish you may add any amount and it will be forwarded to the Food Bank on your behalf.

Spring Tea St. Barnabas Anglican Church

St. Barnabas Church Hall (side door towards back of church)

May 4, 2019

\$5.00 per person includes silver tea service, sandwiches, and goodies.

Plus:

Bake Sale

Gently Used Book Sale

Previously Loved Jewelry

FAM presents the 10th Looney Tunes Talent Show Sunday, May 5th

5:00pm – Hotdog supper (2\$/hotdog)

6:45 – Potluck, dessert and Conversation

7:15 – Program

Admission is \$1:00

Please submit participant entry to June Reid by May 2

All proceeds to United Church Summer Camps

Tending the Garden of your Heart Spring Rains 2019

May 10—7-9pm

May 11—9-3:30

St. Barnabas Anglican Church

635 4th St SE - Medicine Hat

Registration - \$25 - includes lunch

* Featuring teaching from the Ignatian Spiritual Tradition by Charles Pottie-Pâté SJ

To register, or for more information, please contact

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Donations at Coffee Time for April are allocated to Champion Centre

Please join us in Memorial Hall for refreshments and fellowship!

Assisting with the Service This Morning

Elder-in-Charge:

Al Olsen

Greeters:

Scripture Reader:

Sandra McDonald

Minutes for Mission:

Donna Scharf

Coffee Hosts:

Linda Kisell & Sharon Clay

Sound :

Hayley McKim

PowerPoint Operator:

Kathy Nielsen

Wheelchair Lift Operator:

Pat Evans