

The Season of Gratitude and Abundance  
Sunday, November 12, 2023  
Stewardship Sunday

Welcoming

Mission & Service Birthday/Anniversary Recognition

Happy birthday to you,  
to Jesus be true,  
May God's gracious blessings  
rest always with you.

Announcements

Centring Music     Imagine

*John Lennon*

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Hymn   **Take My Life and Let It Be**  
(Voices United 506)

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Music: Unknown; desc. John T. Wilkinson 1980  
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- 1     Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, all for thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
  
- 2     Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love;  
take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.

- 3     Take my lips, and let them be  
filled with messages from thee;  
take my intellect, and use every power  
as thou shalt choose.
  
- 4     Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.
  
- 5     Take my love: and I will pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

Morning Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

A Time to Wonder

Spirit Kids Blessing

*Children - May God bless you as you stay to hear God's word.  
Congregation - May God bless you as you go to hear God's word.*

*(Children depart for Spirit Kids Program)*

## Scripture Readings

Matthew 19:16-26 (*New English Bible*) "The Rich Young Man"

## Reflection "The Eye of the Needle"

## Hymn Take, O Take Me as I Am (More Voices 85)

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*Music: John L. Bell, 1995*

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Take, O take me as I am;  
summon out what I shall be;  
set your seal upon my heart  
and live in me.

*Repeat*

## Stewardship Challenge

## Hymn of the Day: Open My Eyes, That I May See (Voices United 371)

*Words: Clara H. Scott 1895; Music: Clara H. Scott 1895*

- 1 Open my eyes, that I may see  
glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
place in my hands the wonderful key  
that shall unclasp and set me free.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2 Open my ears, that I may hear  
voices of truth thou sendest clear;  
and while the wavenotes fall on my ear,  
everything false will disappear.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

- 3 Open my mouth, and let me bear  
gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
open my heart and let me prepare  
love with thy children thus to share.  
Silently now I wait for thee,  
ready, my God, thy will to see.  
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

## Invitation to Offering

## Choral Response **We Give Thee But Thine Own** (Voices United 543, v. 1)

*Words: William Walsham How, 1858, alt.*

*Music: Johann Balthasar Konig, 1738; adapt. William Henry Havergal, 1847*

We give thee but thine own,  
what e'er the gift may be;  
all that we have is thine alone,  
a trust, O God, from thee.

## Offering Prayer

## Pastoral Prayers

## Prayer for Peace

*Carol Penner*

**It's a great big world you've made, God,  
and we are small bits upon it.  
The mountains, the glaciers, the bounding oceans,  
the mass of the earth beneath our feet,  
the reach of the stars, and the galaxies stretching  
to infinite distances, known only by you.  
Give us a universal vision, to see our planet as you do.  
Could there be peace on earth, could it begin with us?  
Help us see beyond borders,  
for there are no countries from space.**

**You know all that's done under the sun,  
and all that needs doing so we can get along.  
We breathe this good air,  
we plant our feet on this good ground,  
we lift our hands and bless all your creation with  
thankfulness.  
We look to you for all we need to survive and thrive,  
walking a path to a sustainable future.  
In Jesus' name, let it be so. Amen.**

Worship Leaders – Bill and Clare Walker  
Music Leaders – Lynn Dennis, Peggy Dayton and Alan Priestley  
Welcoming – Stephen Godfrey  
Scripture Reading – Louise Johnston  
Greeters – Sue Christensen and Blyth Hughes  
Spirit Kids Program – Leslie Moffat  
Technical Support – Rob Glenn and Bob Krueckl  
Fellowship Time – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brew Crew  
Flowers are offered by Bud and Louise Johnston.

**Parting Hymn Teach Me, God, to Wonder (Voices United 299)**

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1 Teach me, God, to wonder, teach me, God, to see;  
let your world of beauty capture me.

Refrain *Praise to you be given, love for you be lived,  
life be celebrated, joy you give.*

2 Let me, God, be open, let me loving be;  
let your world of people speak to me. *Refrain*

3 Let me, God, be ready, let me be awake,  
in your world of loving my place take. *Refrain*

4 Teach me, God, to know you, hear you when you speak,  
see you in my neighbour when we meet. *Refrain*

**Benediction**

**Postlude Closer Walk With Thee *Traditional Gospel/Anonymous***