



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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July 19, 2009

Seventh after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:

God is indeed in our world.

From dawn to dusk,

From twilight hours to the first light,

God is near us and around us.

God speaks to our world, to us.

God speaks gently in love,

With a voice that comforts and cheers,

With a voice that renews and strengthens.

Speak God, your children are listening.

Adapted from [Psalms Now](#) by Leslie Brandt

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 37 MV, Each Blade of Grass

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Ephesians 2:11-22

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You are citizens with the saints, members of God's household.

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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Jesus teaches and heals the sick.

One: God speaks through human voices.

Response: **God's words are heard in human hearts
and minds.**

Musical Pause

Sermon

Hymn: God's Kind of Love (insert)

Minute for Mission: "Right to School"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:

**We offer these gifts today, O God, not as tokens
meant to appease you or assuage our guilt. Rather,
these are the first fruits of our giving and the reminder
to ourselves that we are committed to you with our
entire being. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: I'm in God's Circle (insert)

Benediction and Blessing

Halle! Halle! Halle! 958 VU (3x)

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation July 19, 2009

Welcome! We are glad you came! **Visitors** are asked to sign our guest book in the vestibule. **All are invited** to the auditorium following the service for refreshments and visiting.

Today as we go into the gym for our usual refreshments and gab, consider sitting with someone you haven't spoken to for awhile, or someone you do not know well. (A suggestion from the Communication & Contact Committee.)

Coffee (regular and decaf.) and juice are being served in the narthex each morning before the service. This is an opportunity to socialize prior to the Sunday worship services and is one way congregations are engaging in the **Emerging Spirit Campaign**.

Thank you to Sarah Makins for providing us with music for our worship service this morning.

This morning:

Head Usher: Peggy Amy

Ushers and Greeters: Betty and Harvey Clarke
Peter Geres

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Peter Geres

Musical Accompanist: Sarah Makins

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Mary McPherson in loving memory of Doug.

Church Office summer hours from **July 2** until **August 31**: the office will be open **Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings only** (8:30 a.m. to noon).

Meals on Wheels: Volunteers are needed to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. **Bethel's** coordinator is **Shirley McKay (374-4883)**.

'These Days' Daily Devotions for Living by Faith – copies of the new issue for July, August & September are in the narthex.

Sunday Bulletins not yet sponsored at Bethel United Church for the remainder of the year are July 26, August 23, October 25, November 1. Please contact the church office if you would like to sponsor one of these bulletins or for information.

Fall Newsletter: Please contact Gladys Kemmer by August 9th if you have news you would like included in the Newsletter. Committees, groups and individuals are encouraged to submit their reports. People news is especially welcome. Contact Gladys at 373-1205 or dgkemm@sasktel.net

The Jakes family invites you to attend their parents' 60th wedding anniversary celebration. Frank and Peggy Jakes will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Saturday, July 25th at 2:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. in the church gym. Bethel UCW will provide the lunch.

Check out Bethel's website for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: www.bethelsaskatoon.com or go to the WonderCafe site and do a church search using either the church name or postal code. **Any information for our website** must be forwarded through the church office. Information from a source, other than the church office, will not be posted.

'WHOLiFE' Wholeness and Wellness Journal of Saskatchewan – copies of the new issue for July and August 2009 are in the narthex.

CHEP Good Food Boxes will be delivered this Wednesday at approximately 2:00. If you were included in this order, please remember to pick yours up.

Other Church and Community events:

McClure Handbell Choir – Bronze Reflections is in the process of recruiting new ringers. If you read music well, are free Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. please call Betty Alexander at 374-1173 or jackbetty@sasktel.net no later than July 15th. Bronze Reflections Handbell Choir shares their varied repertoire with other churches and the community.

Women's Journey of Faith – 10th Anniversary Annual Conference will be held on November 7, 2009 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at TCU Place in Saskatoon. Registration up to **Oct. 1** is **\$69.00** and \$79.00 after that date. Please see posted information regarding this conference.

Foster Care Program - Foster Families are needed. If you are able to offer your home to children and/or youth, or wish information, please contact the Saskatoon office at 933-6018.

Family Camp 2009 (August 21 – 23/2009) contact Kathy Ahern (ph. 343-7101) at St. Martin's United Church to register or for more details.

Treaty Days at Fort Qu'Appelle, Friday, Sept. 18 to Sept. 20 at Calling Lakes Centre. Cost is \$240 (\$265 if registering after Sept. 4). Call (306) 332-5691 for more information.

Courage to Lead Seasonal Retreat Series – based on the work of Parker J. Palmer. This is a series of 4 retreats where trained facilitators will assist participants engaged in spiritual leadership - will be held at Calling Lakes starting Oct. 7/09. See posted information.

The **Iraqi Assyrian Christian community** here in Saskatoon needs the support of United Churches and their members. There are almost two million refugees from Iraq in neighbouring countries, mostly Syria. Both the UNHCR and Amnesty International are opposed to Iraqis being deported back to Iraq. The Minister of Immigration has increased the target level for privately sponsored refugees out of Iraq by 2,500 for the year 2009. The department has staffed the Damascus office so as to expedite processing. Many are arriving in Saskatoon now. Refugees keep calling and pleading for help. Can you or your church help to sponsor some Iraqi Christian families? Financial obligation is limited and the rewards are many. There is a refugee claimant, residing in Saskatoon, who needs odd jobs over the summer – cutting grass, painting fences, cleaning windows and more for \$10.00 per hour. If you have mattresses and box springs that are in good condition to give to refugee families please contact Helen Smith-McIntyre by email or phone at (306) 717-5110 or helensmithmcintyre@hotmail.com

Scripture readings for next Sunday, July 26:

2 Samuel 11:1-15 Ephesians 3:14-21

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - July 19:

As a member of God's household, my "chore" for today is _____.

God's Kind of Love!

Why do we separate,
why do we judge?
Why do we label our
brothers and sisters?

Why do we separate,
why do we judge each other?
Why not use only
God's kind of love?

God's love is full,
God's love is all.
God's love sees us as
brothers and sisters.

God's love is life,
God's love is light.
Let's learn and use only
God's kind of love.

No more separation,
No more judgment.
No more labelling, just
God's kind of love.

No more separation,
no more judgment.
No more labelling, just
God's kind of love

God's kind of love loves us all the same.
God's kind of love brings us all to joy.
God's kind of love melts all anger and hatred.
I only want to use God's kind of love.

Share in it. Yes! Yes!
Share in it. Yes! Yes!
Share in it, share in it:
God's kind of love.

Send it out. Yes! Yes!
Send it out. Yes! Yes!
Send it out, send it out:
God's kind of love.

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Words and Music: Sarah C.R. Makins

I'm in God's Circle

Wait a minute, wait a minute, this is my God;
Wait a minute, wait a minute, this is my God;
And guess what else - this is your God
too.....cause there's
only one God just for me and
you

We're in God's circle cause there's
only one God.
We're in God's circle so
let's start smiling.

We're in God's circle cause there's
only one God.
We're in God's circle so
let's all live in :

* Joy... unlimited joy and
* Love...a world full of love and
* Hope...all that you wish for is
right in front of you now...

See it!
Believe it!
It's right there in front of you.
Claim it!
Share it!
It's right there in front of you.
Hold it!
Love it!
Live God's gifts
today. Hurray!!

You're in God's circle, God takes
care of you.
You're in God's circle you can
trust God fully.

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care of you.
You're in God's circle so
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