



BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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July 26, 2009

Eighth after Pentecost

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:
Welcome and Announcements

Words of Gathering:
Friends, this is the moment of your life.
In this moment, we encounter God.
There is no other time, no other place.
**Here and now, we centre ourselves;
we find renewal and peace.**
We are in sacred time, sacred space.
We are in life and in love, with God.

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 224 VU, Sing a Happy Hallelujah

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Ephesians 3:14-21 *p.193*
God's power accomplishes more than
we can ask for or imagine.

John 11:17-27 *p.105*

One: God speaks through human voices.
Response: **God's words are heard in human hearts
and minds.**

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 106 MV, I Am the Dream

Minute for Mission: "Wonders of Manitoba and
Northwestern Ontario"

Offering and Prayer of Dedication:
**Our being, our lives, and these gifts make possible the
realm of God that was spoken of by Jesus and made
real through us. We give to fulfill our hope for peace.
Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus
(paraphrase p.916 VU)

Hymn: 137 MV, Welcome, Jesus, You Are Welcome

Benediction and Blessing

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

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation July 26, 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.

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:

Ushers and Greeters:

Greeter and Lift Operator:

Reader: Karen Baxter

Musical Accompanist: Sarah Makins

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Sheila Scott in loving memory of her parents Mona and Doug Scott.

We sincerely thank you, the people of Bethel church, for the wonderful surprise that was organized for us last Sunday. We particularly treasure the card with so many names in it. Your generosity is also greatly appreciated. We are so glad to be part of the Bethel family. Sarah and Norm

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

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

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)**.

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.

Other Church and Community events:

Stephen Lewis, Aissatou Diajate (SLF Director of Programme and Gillian Mathurin (SLF Communications Officer) have just arrived in Africa! They will visit six grassroots organizations in South Africa and Uganda, over a three-week period, to see first-hand how these projects support women, grandmothers, orphans and people living with HIV and Aids. This October, Stephen Lewis is challenging Canadians to participate in "A Dare to Remember: ordinary people doing extraordinary things".

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.

Youth Ministry at Calling Lakes (4 week-ends) as follows: Oct. 23-25/2009, April 16-18/2010, Nov. 19-21/2010, the last session (date not yet confirmed) will be held in 2011. For more information call (306) 332-5691 or check out the website at www.callinglakes.ca

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.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, August 2:

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - July 26:

Talents shared lead to abundance and exciting results.

***Cur Deus Homo* Why Did God Become Human?**

Because of our disobedience to God, we are all sinners.

Forgiveness requires that compensation be made. For God to forgive sin without payment would imply that sin doesn't matter very much to God. The price of our disobedience must be paid.

But our debt to God, and infinite being, is infinite. Therefore, no one who is finite can pay the price. Only an infinite being can pay an infinite debt.

Thus the necessity of Jesus. As the incarnation of God he is that infinite being whose death as a substitutionary sacrifice for sin pays the price of our disobedience. Therefore we can be forgiven.

Anselm of Canterbury 1097