



## BETHEL UNITED CHURCH

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Minister: Rev. Norm Laird

**June 21, 2009**

**National Aboriginal Day of Prayer**

**10:30 a.m. Mission Worship**

**Presiders:**

**Rev. David Kim-Cragg and Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg**

Time for singing:

*Voices United #34 – O, so so, O so so*

*Voices United #698 – With the Wings of Our Mind*

*More Voices #189 – Jesu tawapano*

*More Voices #168 – Salamun, Kullaheen*

### **Gathering**

Greeting:

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Romans 5:5

Welcome and Announcements by the Worship Committee:

Opening Hymn: *Voices United #34, O so so, O so so*

Opening Prayer:

*(Following Aboriginal tradition, praying in the Directions)*

*facing East*

From the East, the direction of the rising sun,  
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

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*facing South*

From the South comes warmth, guidance,  
and the beginning and the end of life.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing West*

From the West comes the rain,  
purifying waters, to sustain all living things.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing north*

From the North comes the cold and mighty wind,  
the white snow, giving us strength and endurance.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing upward*

From the heavens we receive darkness and light,  
the air of your breath,  
and messages from your winged creatures.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

*facing downward*

From the earth we come and to the earth we will return.

**We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

**May we walk good paths,  
living on this earth as brothers and sisters should;  
rejoicing in one another's blessing,  
sympathizing in one another's sorrows,  
and together with you, renewing the face of the earth.  
Amen**

Children's Story:

"Love Crossing the Borders"

by **David Kim-Cragg**

Hymn: *Voices United* #698, With the Wings of Our Mind

### **The Word is Spoken**

Scripture: Luke 15:1-7            *p. 78*

Musical Pause:     He is Exalted  
                              *by Twila Paris*  
                              *Arr. Mark Hayes*

*Sermon*

Congregational Leadership:

Eating, Resting, and Travelling Together

by: **HyeRan Kim-Cragg**

Hymn: *More Voices* #189 – Jesu tawapano

### **Giving Thanks**

Minute for Mission

Offering Hymn: *More Voices* #191, What Can I Do

*Prayers of the People*

(Church member or minister would be welcome to lead this)

### **Going Forth**

A New Creed  
We are not alone,  
we live in God's world.

We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus,  
the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others  
by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

Commissioning and Blessing

Benediction Hymn: *More Voices* #168, Salamun, Kullaheen

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**Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg is a professor at St. Andrew's College, teaching Worship and Christian Education.  
Rev. David Kim-Cragg will be the minister at Grosvenor Par United Church commencing on July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## The Life and Work of the Congregation June 21, 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 **Rev. Dr. HyeRan Kim-Cragg**, professor at **St. Andrew's College** and **Rev. David Kim-Cragg** for leading the worship service this Sunday.

Thank you **Kerry Agnew** for providing us with music for our worship service.

### This morning:

**Head Usher:** Doug Winmill

**Ushers and Greeters:** Jan Lahti  
Sunday School Members

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Doug Winmill

**Reader:** Claire Lahti

**Musical Accompanist:** Kerry Agnew

**Norm** will be on vacation for two weeks. A Communion Service will be held on July 5<sup>th</sup>. **Jeanette Liberty-Duns** will be the contact for pastoral care as of June 22. **Summer hours** – **Starting July 2 until August 31**, the Church office will be open Wed., Thurs. and Fri. mornings only (8:30 a.m. to noon).

**Norm and Sarah** are being married **June 23**; followed by an informal reception in Suite #819 of the Saskatoon Inn from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., all are welcome. We will collect money from the congregation to present to them on July 19<sup>th</sup>. You may leave donations with Marguerite Schwanke – Ph: 374-6728 or at Bethel Church office; there will be a card for you to sign.

**Jeanette Liberty-Duns** will be giving a presentation on her trip to Zambia this evening (June 21) at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to a well project in Zambia. **Dessert and coffee to follow presentation.**

In order to publicize the fall activities at Bethel in a timely manner the **Fall Newsletter** will be published in **mid August**. Please keep in mind that the deadline for the newsletter is **August 9**. Contact **Gladys Kemmer** at **373-1205** or [dqkemm@sasktel.net](mailto:dqkemm@sasktel.net) with your news.

There is a green sign-up sheet in the Narthex for ushers, greeters, readers for the summer months. If you are able to assist with any of these duties, please sign up indicating the date when you will be available.

The worship service on Sunday, **June 28<sup>th</sup>** will be led by **Rev. Lorne Calvert**, newly appointed as Principal of **St. Andrew's College**, commencing on **July 1, 2009**.

**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)**.

Bethel United Church received a 'thank you' card from Je Plunkett's family saying how very much they appreciated the kindness shown by Bethel people towards her parents. Je Plunkett passed away on June 2/09. The card is posted on the bulletin board. "We want to express our deep gratitude to you for the wonderful support given to our Mom and Dad, Jean and Del Plunkett during their many years as members of the church. You are a wonderful group of people"; signed Elaine and Barrie Dubray (nee Plunkett) and Garth and Barbara Plunkett.

**The Forward Planning Committee** thanks everyone for their contributions at last Sunday's congregational meeting. It was a very open and positive meeting: many good ideas were offered, important concerns were aired and a challenging, but exciting plan for Bethel's future was agreed on. In order to share with those who were unable to attend, and as an aid to our collective memory, a brief outline of the main discussions and decisions of that meeting has been prepared by the *Forward Planning Committee* and put in the mailboxes at the back of the church.

From time to time there are things in the Church Office that could be done by a volunteer. If you can spare some time, please phone Bernice and let her know you are available. Thank you from the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

**Check out Bethel's website** for general information about our church, our service and news and events. The site address is: [www.bethelsaskatoon.com](http://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.

Check out this website to follow the exploits of Pam's time in Uganda <http://vwbvsfuganda.blogspot.com/>  
There is information posted on the bulletin board as well.

### **Other Church and Community events:**

**Heartsong**, our musical guests last week, are presenting a concert at Grace-Westminster next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. The program will include a variety of music with reception to follow. **Peggy Jakes has tickets today for this event.**

Events at Calling Lakes Centre – Creation Vacation & Heather Bishop in Concert (July 6 – 10). Summer Oasis – (July 11) and Summer at the Centre (July 12 – 16). See posted information.

**Kerry Agnew** and **Courtney Willick** in Concert. In preparation for their participation in the Franz Schubert Institute Summer Program in Austria. Courtney and Kerry invite you to an afternoon of songs and refreshments held on **Sunday, June 28, 2009** at **2:00 p.m.** at **St. Martin's United Church**, located at 2617 Clarence Ave. S.

**A Unique Jazz Event:** Please join us for an evening with Merkava: a musical experience combining the music of Jewish prayer, Indian Classical and Jazz traditions. This cross-cultural event is being co-sponsored by Mayfair United Church and Congregation Agudas Israel. This special Jazz evening will combine the talents of New York musicians David K Freeman, Mike Noordzy, Steve Hudson and Jerome Jennings along with Saskatoon's own Mark DeJong on saxophone, and Dean McNe on trumpet. Guaranteed to offer a new type of Jazz to a great week of Jazz in Saskatoon this is a treat you will not want to miss. The Merkava experience will happen at 7:30 PM on Sunday June 28 at Mayfair United Church 902 33 St W. Admission is by suggested donation of \$10 or \$20/family. Proceeds to go to Egadz Downtown Youth "at risk" Centre.

<http://www.egadz.ca/>

For more information please call Rev. Dave at 382-6446.

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

Secretary for Third Avenue United Church. Must have good computer skills; be able to interact well with a variety of people; have good communication skills; be flexible and have initiative. Salary and hours to be negotiated. Please contact Janice Bray-Noonan at 373-8457 or email [job.noonan@sasktel.net](mailto:job.noonan@sasktel.net).

Financial Grants are available to United Church Ministries Responding to the Economic Crisis. This past March the Executive of the General Council of the United Church of Canada set up a \$500,000 crisis response fund to address the economic crisis gripping Canada and the world. The "Sharing Bread" Crisis Response Fund will be making grants of up to \$15,000 to United Church congregations and community ministries that submit proposals describing how they are addressing situations of need caused or worsened by the current economic crisis. The economic crisis gripping Canada and the world is wreaking havoc in the lives of individuals and households, neighbourhoods, and communities, explains The United Church of Canada's Moderator, the Right Rev. David Giuliano. People are being hurt and diminished as human beings by the loss of work, by inadequate employment insurance provisions, by the loss of income in retirement, and by the many visible and invisible consequences of lack of money. Giuliano says the "Sharing Bread" initiative will result in a total of \$210,000 being distributed in Canada. Another equal amount will be distributed through global partners of the United Church. A further \$80,000 is being made available to provide ministry staff training and support related to responding to this crisis. While we recognize that the dollar value of this contribution may be humble, it feels important that we all do what we can as a sign of hope in the world. More information about the "Sharing Bread" Crisis Response Fund is available on the United Church of Canada's website at

[www.united-church.ca](http://www.united-church.ca)

For further information, please contact: Michelle Hogman (Toll free) 1-800-268-3781 (Ext. 4063) or ph: 416-231-7680 (Ext. 4063) or email her at [mhogman@united-church.ca](mailto:mhogman@united-church.ca)

**Camp Christopher** – needs your help to recruit caring people for staff positions – see information in the gym about the camp.

Do you love summer camp? **Camp Tapawingo**, a United Church Camp located on **Candle Lake** is looking for volunteer health care personnel (Registered Nurses, Licensed Practical Nurses with medication course, EMTs and/or physicians) to donate their time and expertise for half week and/or full week camps this summer. Camp Tapawingo is a wonderful place where children and teens (ages 6 – 16) can come to explore their relationship with Christ through nature and friendship. There are 8 camps running from July to August 2009. For more details please contact **Sarah Salewich** - **652-2654** or email at

[scm574@mail.usask.ca](mailto:scm574@mail.usask.ca)

Grace-Westminster - Part Time United Church Position Available: Grace-Westminster United Church in Saskatoon is welcoming applications for a paid Sunday School coordinator position starting September 2009, 7.5 hours per week. A candidate must be a member of the United Church of Canada. Applications or inquiries can be made to Grace-Westminster United Church by email [gracewest@sasktel.net](mailto:gracewest@sasktel.net) or by phone 653-1766 or by mail to Grace-Westminster United Church, 501 – 10<sup>th</sup> Street East, Saskatoon, SK S7N 0E3.

### **Meetings and events this week:**

#### **Wednesday:**

- Choir practise, 7:00

### **Lectionary readings for next Sunday, June 28; are follows:**

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130 (VU pgs. 852-853)

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - June 21:**

Good stewards are careful not to put obstacles in others' ways