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**May 17, 2009**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Awareness Meditation

Words of Gathering:

Let us proclaim with our entire being the greatness of our God.  
**May all that is within us rejoice in God, who gives us life.**

God sees us as we are, and welcomes us in love.

**The wonder of God is magnificent to behold.**

**We rejoice and sing in thanksgiving to our God.**

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 222 VU, Come Let Us Sing

Prayer of Humility: **All that we are, O God, we bring into this place and offer up to you. Our hopes, dreams, joys, fears, worries, and weariness, we entrust to your care. May we be refreshed and inspired in this holy time together. Touch us anew this day so that we might live more fully in the power of your grace...** (continue to pray as you choose...)

Assurance of Love 2

Hymn: 229 VU, God of the Sparrow

A Question from the Fish Bowl

Scripture: Acts 10:44-48 *p. 130*

John 15:9-17 *p. 109*

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 150 MV, Spirit God, Be Our Breath

Minute for Mission:

Offering and Prayer of Dedication: **Our God, the wonder of you is your continual outpouring of love upon us, through all time and forever. The security of your love frees us to live and to give. Use us and these gifts to bring wholeness to the world. Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus (translation p 916 MV)

Hymn: 172 MV, God Says

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen 974VU

Postlude

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## The Life and Work of the Congregation May 17, 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**.

### This morning:

**Head Usher:** Peggy Amy

**Ushers and Greeters:** Judy Killoh  
Marilyn Sagi  
Ivy Gunderson

**Greeter and Lift Operator:** Peter Geres

**Reader:** Peter Geres

**Musical Accompanist:** Marlene Dampsey

**Today's bulletin** is sponsored by Bill Young in loving memory of Bill and Jessie Holliston.

Bethel United Church welcomes Marlene Dampsey at our worship service today; thank you for providing us with music.

Norm will be in his office for part of the day Tuesday to Friday most weeks. Feel free to drop in if you see his car parked in its spot. In an effort to be more easily accessible, Norm will for sure be in his office Tuesday evenings 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings 9:00 – noon. Please, feel free to drop in or call during these times

**The Forward Planning Committee will distribute a preliminary report on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. Members of the Committee will be available in the gymnasium following the worship service to discuss the report. Come to share your thoughts and ask your questions. You are, also, welcome to join a special meeting of Council on June 4<sup>th</sup> for further discussion of the future of Bethel Church. The final report of the Forward Planning Committee will be presented at a Congregational Meeting after worship on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.**

### 'Salads' Recipe Book

In 1970 'Miriam Unit' of the Bethel UCW produced a "Salad recipe book and it sold for .35 cents.

39 years later, Muriel Unit has reproduced it and copies will be for sale at \$3.00 in the gym following the service this morning. Only 17 copies left.

Bulletin covers – not yet sponsored for upcoming Sundays are May 24, 31, June 14, 21, July 26, August 23 & 30.

### Ham Supper

**Thank you to all of you who helped in any way with the Ham Supper on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have a full report in next Sunday's bulletin.**

**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](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.

**Please use hand sanitizer**, that is provided, to help prevent the spread of colds and flu-like illnesses.

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

**Oliver Lodge Spring Tea and Bake Sale** will be held on Saturday, May 23 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Mayfair United Church (902 – 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West).

**Golden Heart Award** – McClure Place Foundation has sponsored this award each year, recognizing individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the well being and quality of life for seniors in Saskatchewan. The award is open to Saskatchewan residents of any age, religion, etc. This year (the first for Saskatchewan) is a youth award to honour students who are helping seniors in the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize anyone who gives of their time and talents to enrich the lives of seniors. Please call the organizers to indicate that you will be nominating someone and sending information for the awards - deadline is June 10/09. Call 955-7677 - information will be sent later about the dinner itself. Info posted.

**VIOLINIST MAURICE SKLAR** IN CONCERT at **ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH** tonight, MAY 17, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

**Camp Easter Seal** – can you sponsor a child to attend camp?

**Camp Christopher** – needs your help to recruit caring people for staff positions - check out posted info.

Remember when we donated money to a **Bridge Project** in **Mozambique**? We just heard from Don Kossick and he says "It has been 3 years in the making but it is nice to know that will be completed within the next 3 to 4 months. The labour to build has been supplied by surrounding communities. The resources to buy the cement, iron and transport has come from individuals, organizations and churches such as Bethel United. The estimated official cost for the Bridge was about \$300,000 and we are doing it for about \$40,000. Our latest contributor are coming from an Anglican Parish in England. So we really see it as a Bridge of Solidarity and Hope in terms of how it will help communities. Thanks to everyone at Bethel for their continuing support - we are looking forward to sending you a photo of the completed Bridge." (sent by Jeanette Liberty-Dunns)

The **Nutana 100 Celebration Committee** is having a Garage Sale on Fri., May 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Sat., May 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Nutana Collegiate Gym. Proceeds go to the 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration of Nutana Collegiate to be held in 2010. For info call Cliff at 222-0860.

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

#### **Monday:**

- Victoria Day
- Cubs, 7:00

#### **Tuesday:**

- Church Office closed for Monday's holiday
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Bethel Group Admin. Team Mtg. (K)

#### **Wednesday:**

- Staff Meeting, 9:30
- Bible Study, 10:00 (come at 9:30 for coffee, if you wish)
- CHEP Good Food Boxes, 1:00 – 2:00
- Scouts, 7:00

### **Scripture readings for next Sunday, May 24:**

Luke 24:44-53

Acts 1:1-11

### **Stewardship Seconds 2009 - May 17:**

Stewards make a joyful noise to the Lord, proclaiming that we love one another as Christ loves us.