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September 13, 2009 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: 7 MV, Gather Us In

Words of Gathering:

One: This is the day which God has made,
A day for us to rejoice and be glad

All: **With delight we rejoice in your faithful love
We rejoice and sing to you, God,
Earthmaker, Lifegiver, Eternal Parent.**

One: Allow the holiness and mystery of this hour
to infuse you with light and wonder.

**With yearning hearts and open minds
We celebrate this day, and every day, with you.**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 409 VU, Morning Has Broken

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

Wisdom 7:21 - 8:1

The Touchstone, A. de Mello

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 10 MV, Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom

Minute for Mission: "A Penny Shared"

Offering Prayer and Dedication:

**As we dedicate these offerings to the work of this
church in service with you, we recognize that what
we offer goes beyond what is on these plates. May
we, each day, remember that we truly are your hands
and feet, your heart and your love, in a world that is
waking to the wonder of your presence all around.
Amen**

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

Hymn: 172 MV, God Says

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation September 13, 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 **Sarah Makins** for providing music for us today.

This morning:

Head Usher: Larry Fowke

Ushers and Greeters: Armand Bourassa
Barbara Bourassa

Greeter and Lift Operator: Larry Fowke

Reader: Lynne Fowke

Musical Accompanist: Sarah Makins

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Don and Gladys Kemmer.

Unfortunately, **Sunday School will NOT begin today**; more information will follow.

The Welcome Back BBQ scheduled for this Sunday, Sept. 13th has been POSTPONED, please 'watch for further announcements'.

Thank you to **Lilah Brehon** who has kindly agreed to coordinate the **CHEP Good Food Boxes**.

These Days – Daily Devotions for Living by Faith – October/November/December 2009 issue is in the Narthex.

Turkey Supper - Saturday, September 19

We need ALL HANDS ON DECK to: sell and buy tickets (550), prepare food (veggies and pies), set up, clean up, serve and help with the many other duties necessary to make this event a success. It is important for all of us to pull together and do our very best. If you cannot contribute in any other way, please consider a cash donation to assist with the purchase of the turkeys and the remainder of the supplies. After the service today, you will find the sign-up charts and tickets in the gym. There are still many places to be filled. We need more pies, more vegetable cookers and more help. We need many more tickets to be sold. Bring your families, neighbours and friends for one of the best turkey dinners in the city. Tickets are \$12.00 (adults) \$4.00 (children) and pre-schoolers are free.

Outreach Committee meeting will be **Tuesday, Sept. 15th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room.

Pastoral Care Committee will meet, **Sunday, Sept. 20th** following the worship service in the Trudy Doidge Room.

Property Committee meeting will be **Thursday, Sept. 24th** at **6:00 p.m.** in the Kitchen.

Church Council meeting will be on **Thursday, Sept. 24th** at **7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

Thank you!

Following the church service next **Sunday, September 20th**, we will honor **Freda Crossman** to say thank you for all the "**hats**" she has worn over the years at Bethel and her untiring efforts each year for convening the Fall Turkey Supper. Please plan to attend.

SHINING LIGHT ON THE PATH – An Exploration of Modern Mystical Spirituality. **Instructor Norm Laird** who wrote the book **“Just Another Creation Myth”** will be teaching this six-week course on the following dates: **Starting on Sept. 21, Oct. 5, Oct. 19, Oct. 26, Nov. 16 & Nov. 30/2009 at 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Alice Turner Branch Library, 110 Nelson road.** Cost is \$5.00 per session or \$25.00 for all six sessions. Sponsored by **Bethel United Church** (343-6085).

Anyone interested in attending **Shining Light on the Path** on **September 21st** and would like a ride, rather than drive, please let Bernice know by Friday at 343-6085. We can then make **transportation arrangements** for you.

Meals on Wheels: Bethel requires volunteers to continue delivering meals. The sign-up calendar is on the literature table. Contact coordinator - **Shirley McKay** at **374-4883**.

Other Church and Community events:

FROM THE ROAD – an evening of music at **St. Martin’s United Church** this **Saturday, Sept. 19, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.** Tickets are \$15.00 and \$10.00 (children) and can be obtained from the church office – phone 343-7101.

Amnesty International – Music from artists around the globe at Amigos today, Sept. 13/200 at 7:30 p.m. Contact Helen Smith McIntyre at 717-5110 or Amnesty at 653-2212.

Paul Rumbolt (SongSmith) is planning a tour and he will be in Saskatchewan from **Oct. 23 to October 27** and **Nov. 4 to Nov. 8**. You could host him in an evening of singing and song, a workshop or Sunday morning worship. Contact info: **ericandbrenda@paulrumbolt.com** or Ph:(604)886-5989 or eric@bandeservices.ca or fax (866) 657-7911.

Ladies Fitness started on **Thursday at 9:15 a.m.** and will be held in the gym every **Monday & Thursday**.

Family Service Saskatoon – “Midlife Madness” on **Sept. 17, 2009** at **TCU Place**. For tickets call **244-0127**.

The Organization Bullying Canada.Ca the first youth-created anti-bullying website in Canada has launched a petition asking the Government of Canada to introduce legislation related to bullying. They ask if anyone would like the opportunity to sign their Bullying Legislation petition. If you would like more information or request copies of the Bullying Legislation Petition see posted information. Contact them by mail or by email at: **petition@BullyingCanada.ca**

Life Lines Book Room Sale – Summer sale has been extended to the end of Sept. A large selection of books and gift items are reduced by 50% and some Christmas and Easter items are 75% off.

Sherbrooke Community Centre – Opportunity for Lay Visitor Ministry. We are seeking volunteers to be participants in our Lay Companionship Program of Spiritual Care Visitation. Training is available - call 655-3697 or 655-3748.

The Spiritual Care Education Department of St. Paul’s is offering **“Foundations of Spiritual Care Giving”** on Sat., Oct. 17, and on Tues. Evenings, October 20, 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17 and Sat., Nov. 21. Everyone is welcome. **Deadline for application is Sept. 25/09**. Call (306)655-5827 if necessary to register late or have any questions. Information posted.

Courage to Lead Seasonal Retreat Series – Oct. 7-10.

WHOLifE magazine – Sept/Oct issue is in the Narthex.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 20:

Matthew 5:43-48

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - September 13:

It is in giving that we receive. It is in forfeiting our lives for Jesus’ sake that we are saved.