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September 6, 2009

10:30 a.m. Worship Service

Musical Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: 115 MV, Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New

Words of Gathering:

One: Know who you are, beloved of God.

Know that through the deepest love, you are.

All: **We are formed in God's image,
shaped out of the imagination of the Divine.**

One: The same love that made light appear out of darkness,
The same love that poured out the seas and pulled up
the mountains,

has shaped us, and made us. It holds us.

**Divine love has moulded us so that we, too, can
be love.**

Lighting Candles of Joy and Concern

Passing the Peace of Christ

Hymn: 253 VU, Sing Your Joy

A Question from the Fish Bowl

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Scripture:

James 2:1-17

p. 229-230

Mark 7:27-37

p. 42-43

One: God speaks through human voices.

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

Musical Pause

Sermon:

Hymn: 374 VU, Come and Find the Quiet Centre

Minute for Mission: "M & S Goes Back to School"

Offering Prayer and Dedication:

**Loving God, we present these gifts, pleased to be part
of your mission and excited to share with those
around us. May what we offer in love, bless the world.
Amen**

Prayers of and for the people and the prayer from Jesus

Hymn: 639 VU, One More Step Along the World I Go

Benediction and Blessing

Choral Amen 974 VU

Postlude

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The Life and Work of the Congregation September 6, 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 **Ying Qi** for providing us with music for worship today.

This morning:

Head Usher: Charles Andres

Ushers and Greeters: Beverley Andres
Adele Sowter

Greeter and Lift Operator: Charles Andres

Reader: Lia Gamble

Musical Accompanist: Ying Qi

Today's bulletin is sponsored by Jack Newman in loving memory of his Mother, Gertrude Newman.

Bible Study will start on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. in the gym.

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

Sunday School starts next Sunday, Sept. 13, at 10:30 am; we are glad to announce that **Jenna Belding** will again be **teaching**.

Turkey Supper, Saturday, September 19

We need ALL HANDS ON DECK to: sell and buy tickets (\$50), 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. 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.

Forward Planning Committee meeting will be on **Tuesday, Sept. 8th at 7:00 p.m.** in the Upper Room.

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

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

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**.

Thank you!

Following the church service on **Sunday, Sept. 20/2009** 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).

We are **urgently in need** of a **co-ordinator** for the **CHEP Good Food boxes**. **Bev Andres** has been doing the ordering for the past 2 months but is unable to continue after the end of September. **It requires about 2 hours of time every other week.** If no one agrees to volunteer to take on this job Bethel will no longer be a drop off point after the end of September. If you are considering volunteering please talk to Bev and she will be able to tell you what is involved.

22nd Bethel Scout Groups and registration will be held on **Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

Ladies Fitness held in the gym at **Bethel United** will start on **Thursday, Sept. 10th at 9:15 a.m.** and will continue every **Monday and Thursday** into December. **Everyone is welcome!**

Other Church and Community events:

September is Arthritis Awareness Month – donations to the Arthritis Society would be greatly appreciated. See posted info.

Oliver Lodge Auxiliary Tea, Bake Sale and Bazaar will be held at **Mayfair United Church** on **Saturday, Sept. 12th from 2 – 4 p.m.** Baking & Bazaar items would be appreciated.

FROM THE ROAD – an evening of music at **St. Martin's United Church** on **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 – Presentation by Alex Neve, (Secretary General) on Saturday, Sept. 12 at Augustana Lutheran Church (7th & Broadway). Potluck supper at 6:00 pm and presentation at 7:00 pm. Music from artists around the globe at Amigos on Sept. 13/200 at 7:30 p.m. For info contact Helen Smith McIntyre at 717-5110 or Amnesty at 653-2212.

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.

Intercultural Symposiums 2009 - Billy Graham (Ignite the light) will be in Saskatoon October 7-09 starting at 8:00 am to 11:30 am at the Circle Drive Alliance Church.

Courage to Lead Seasonal Retreat Series at Calling Lakes – trained facilitators - session dates: **Oct. 7-10**, Jan. 18-21/2010, April 19-22/2010 and Sept. 27-Oct. 1/2010. See posted information.

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.

Family Service Saskatoon – ‘Fall 2009 Group Programs’. Week-end workshop for couples and marriage prep on Nov. 20 & 21, 2009. Also sponsoring “**Midlife Madness**” on **Sept. 17, 2009** at **TCU Place**. For tickets call **244-0127**. See poster.

Scripture readings for next Sunday, September 13:

Wisdom 7:21, 8:1

Stewardship Seconds 2009 - September 6:

Offering hospitality to the stranger challenges us to see everyone as God's chosen.