

## **Announcements**

October 11, 2020

**Today:** Worship: 10am – Facebook Livestream

*All events and meetings scheduled  
at the church are suspended for now.*

**Next Sunday:** Worship: 10am – Facebook Livestream

**Welcome to the Red Lodge Community Church.**

### **Celebrating Joys!**

The creation that we are called to care for!

Healing that takes place in grief

The great weather for hiking!

### **We Keep in Prayer:**

Eileen Rieger; Virginia Robertson; Sharon Scott; Kim Ferguson; David Vaile; Macey Ropp Bennett; Tom Ertin; Steve Hanson; Loretta Sironen; Lynette Coleman; Debbie Bratton; Colleen Stevenson; Nicholas; Hank Hawkins; Jean Walters; Kit and Cort Richards; Bill; Lonna Bradley and her son Brandon Arthur; Bruce Haughey; Gary; David Ritter; David Scott; Russ Born; Skip Aleksich; David Peterson; Morgan; Phil Schneider; Norm, Todd and Kandi Kinney; Jim McWaters; Kathleen Sauders; Ann and Bill Gwathney; Ken Awes; Wylie and his family; Andrew Ray; Chuck Lorenz; Ken Carter; Lily Cords; Frank Pirtz; Erinn Awes; Tony Krumheuer; Lt. Col. Matt Born ANG and all those deployed to respond to COVID-19; health care workers in Carbon and Yellowstone Counties; those suffering from the COVID-19 and those suffering with them; and everyone around the world as we live in these challenging times; our city, our Mayor, City Council, and police department; those who walk in a place of fear and distrust; all teachers and students returning to the classroom both in person and virtually during this time of pandemic; traveling mercies for those on the road; Firefighters responding to the wild fires; hunters and hikers.

### **All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially:**

Sheila Seiffert, Marklyn Lynn, Bill Wilson, Evelyn Rolshovan, Joyce and Al Miller, Mr. Bill, Joyce Lindberg, Bob and Becky Tirrell, and Fay Rosser.

### **Those Who Are Grieving**

The family and friends of Nic Clardy

The family and friends of Dennis Brophy

The family and friends of Sandy Harris

The family and friends of Barbara Stark

All those walking in grief

*To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please email your request to: [rlccprayers@gmail.com](mailto:rlccprayers@gmail.com).*

# **Red Lodge Community Church**

## **Sunday, October 11, 2020**

**Prelude**  
*(Instrumental)*

**Welcome**

**Announcements**

### **Red Lodge Land Acknowledgment**

We begin by acknowledging, with humility, that the land where we sit and stand today is a traditional place of hunting and worship for Native peoples including the Cheyenne, and the Očeti Šakówinj [oh-CHEY-tee shah-KOH-win] [Dakota, Lakota, Nakota], and the Apsaalooké [ohb-SAH-lookay]. "Apsaalooke," means "children of the large-beaked bird," however white men misinterpreted the word as "crow."

Today, we honor chief Plenty Coup, who worked hard to ensure the Crow survived as a People, and that their customs and spiritual beliefs carried on. Currently the Crow Tribe has an enrolled membership of approximately 11,000, of whom 7,900 reside on the Crow Indian Reservation, about 100 miles from here, where they keep their traditions and ceremonies alive. 85% of the tribe speaks Crow as their first language, and their economy is derived from the rich resources of the Tribe's land. Let us remember that we occupy their sacred land.

### **Invocation**

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the rivers, the streams, and the waterways of Earth. Help us to empathize with your creatures who are suffering and to serve you as agents for healing the rivers. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and restores all things in creation. Amen.

### **Sacred Text**

**Today's Sacred Text is from the Old Testament, A Reading of Genesis from Chapters 8 and 9**

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> And when the Lord smelled the pleasing odor, the Lord said from the heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night,  
shall not cease."

God blessed Noah and his sons, and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. <sup>2</sup>The fear and dread of you shall rest on every animal of the earth, and on every bird of the air, on everything that creeps on the ground, and on all the fish of the sea; into your hand they are delivered. <sup>3</sup>Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you; and just as I gave you the green plants, I give you everything. <sup>4</sup>Only, you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood. <sup>5</sup>For your own lifeblood I will surely require a reckoning: from every animal I will require it and from human beings, each one for the blood of another, I will require a reckoning for human life.

<sup>6</sup>Whoever sheds the blood of a human,  
by a human shall that person’s blood be shed;  
for in God’s own image  
God made humankind.

<sup>7</sup>And you, be fruitful and multiply, abound on the earth and multiply in it.” <sup>8</sup>Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.<sup>[a]</sup> <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

## **Creation Creed**

**All: We believe that God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.**

**We believe Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God’s presence,  
a home for us to share with all creatures.**

**We believe every creature joins us in praising God.**

**We see many suffer with Earth because of human crimes against creation.**

**We believe that God became incarnate as a part of Earth, Jesus Christ, that he lived and breathed and spoke among us, suffered and died on a cross, for all human beings and for all creation.**

**We believe that the risen Jesus Christ fills the whole creation, reconciling all things to God,  
renewing all things.**

**We believe the Spirit renews life in creation, groans in empathy with every suffering creature, and waits  
with us for the rebirth of the whole creation.**

**We believe that with Christ we will rise and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation, reconciled,  
restored, and renewed.**

## Hymn

### "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, stir in me one de - sire:  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,

That I may love the way you love and do what you would do.  
Un - til with you I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
That ev - ery earth - ly part of me may glow with ho - ly fire.  
But live with you the per - fect life of your e - ter - ni - ty.

*Between parish assignments in London, Edwin Hatch taught classics at Trinity College, Quebec, and lectured at Oxford. This hymn appeared in a leaflet, "Between Doubt and Prayer" (1878). Other hymns were published posthumously in Towards Fields of Light, London (1890).*

Tune: TRENTHAM S.M.  
Robert Jackson, 1894

## Service of Holy Communion

### Invitation to the Table

### Remembrance of Our Baptism

Our God created new life forms and brought them up from the waters of chaos,  
embraced them, and called them good.

The waters of Rock Creek, Clark's Fork and the Yellowstone surround us and give us hope. The water of  
Glacier Lake provides sustenance and life.

Jesus, baptized in the river Jordan by John the Baptist,  
became living water for us and embraces all of us.

Jesus embraces those who are poor, oppressed, marginalized  
and all others who come seeking.

We follow Jesus with our Baptism,  
marking a starting place for new life and new ways of being.

## Sharing the Meal

### Community Prayer

Jesus Christ, teach us to empathize with Earth.  
Make our spirits sensitive to the cries of creation,  
cries for justice from the hills and the trees.  
Jesus Christ, make our faith sensitive to the groans of the Spirit,  
groans from the deserts, the plains, and the winds.  
Jesus Christ, make our souls sensitive to the call of our kin,  
species in pain calling from land, sea, and air.  
Jesus Christ, teach us to care. Amen.

### Prayers of the People

#### The Lord's Prayer

As our Brother Christ has taught us, we now pray,  
using the words of a member of the Nez Perce tribe:

**O Great Spirit, Creator of the universe,  
You are our Shepherd Chief in the most high place.  
Whose home is everywhere, even beyond the stars and moon.  
Whatever you want done,  
let it, also be done everywhere.  
Give us your gift of bread day by day.  
Forgive us our wrongs  
as we forgive those who wrong us.  
Take us away from wrong doings.  
Free us from all evil.  
For everything belongs to you.  
Let your power and glory shine forever. Amen.**

## Hymn

## "On Eagle's Wings"

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

*Refrain*

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.

Leader or All  
3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to  
guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will  
bear you up, lest you dash your foot a-gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*  
All  
And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath on dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.  
And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

**Offertory**  
*(Instrumental)*

**Prayer of Dedication**

All: Gracious God,  
With these gifts we can only hope to be your love through our actions.  
We are grateful for the opportunity to give back a portion  
of what we receive from you.  
As we meditate in this time on our financial commitment to your Church,  
we ask that our hearts and minds be open to your guidance. Amen.

**Doxology**  
*(Instrumental)*

# Hymn

## "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

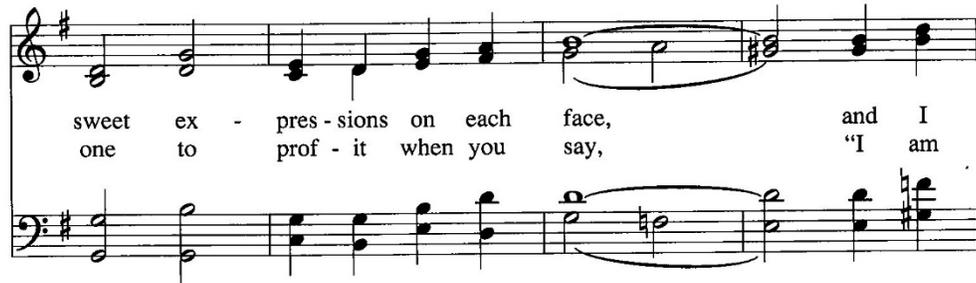
*Slowly*



1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you



know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know that Spir - it's full - ness and be - lieve; you're the



sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

*to Refrain*



know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to stay with Je - sus all the way."

*Refrain*



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav-en-ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill-ing us with your love; And for these bless-ings we

lift our hearts in praise. With-out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

### Sermon

“Reconciled, Restored, Renewed”

Pastor Pam Peterson

### Hymn

“God Be With You”

1 God be with you till we meet a - gain: By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you.  
 2 God be with you till we meet a - gain: Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you.  
 3 God be with you till we meet a - gain: When life's per - ils thick con-found you.  
 4 God be with you till we meet a - gain: Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you.

With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 Smite death's threat - ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

*Refrain*

Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet.

till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 till we meet, till we meet a - gain.

*Written during his last pastorate, at First Congregational Church in Washington, D.C., Jeremiah Rankin's hymn spread quickly throughout America and England by way of Moody and Sankey's revival meetings. Rankin later served as the seventh president of Howard University.*

Tune: GOD BE WITH YOU 9.8.8.9. with refrain  
 William G. Tomer, 1880

## Benediction

Christ calls you to be his disciples,  
 to serve him with love and compassion,  
 to serve Earth by caring for creation,  
 honoring the rivers God has created to provide all creatures with the water of life.



### **Participating in Today's Service**

Worship Leader – Pastor Pam Peterson

Liturgists – Erinn Ackley, Dan Seifert, & Eliza Seifert

Musician – Andrea Holmen

Choir – Steve Hanson, JoAnn Eder, Lori Floyd, Russ Born, & Alan Schuyler

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