



**Red Lodge Community Church
United Church of Christ
Sept 18, 2022**

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements

Bell Ringing

Hymn – “All Hail the Power” CH #91

Call to Worship

One: Divine Parent, you feel what we feel.

Many: Our joys and our pains are yours too.

One: Divine Healer, you delight in our wholeness.

Many: You are the balm for our heavy-laden hearts and souls.

One: Giver of life, you are able to renew us

Many: We open ourselves to you, have your way within us.

Prayer of CONFESSION

All: Source of Wholeness, we confess that sometimes our goals don't align with yours, and we get lost. At times, we have pursued power, knowledge, and wealth instead of you, who are the source of all. We know that you are the balm we need, and we turn ourselves towards you. You are steadfast in your love and justice. Help us to be the same, help us to be a balm to others as you are to us. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People

Joys: The creation that we are called to care for. Our church and community's outreach in love to those in need. All of our volunteers from near and far who are helping us rebuild our church and our community. Healing for those who have been ill and had procedures.

We Keep in Prayer: Charlie Mackay, Mark Brown, Rusty Steitzel, those who need strength and wisdom for medical treatments and diagnosis, Colleen and Wayne Stevenson, Brooke, The employees and residents of Cedar Wood who have lost their jobs and homes, Lucille, 2 young families from Colestrip in need of prayer, Our communities as we rebuild following the flood, Dolly, Buddy Phillips, Nick B, Phil, Joyce W, the war in Ukraine and the refugees as they face an uncertain future, the homeless and under-housed, Collin, Linda, Nathanael Koch, Jessica, Kiyoko, Ken, Amanda, Dave Munson, Barb Croston, Eileen Rieger, Virginia Robertson, Sharon Scott, David Vaile, Loretta Sironen, Lynette Coleman, Hank Hawkins, Jean Walters, Kit and Cort Richards, David Ritter, David Scott, Russ Born, Skip Aleksich, Morgan, Kathleen Souders, health care workers, those with COVID as we continue to live with the virus, long-haul COVID sufferers, the now more dire than ever housing and employment needs in Red Lodge. The loss of relationships.

All those who are homebound or in care facilities, especially: Todd Kinney, Coeta Rieger, Alice Dalio, Marleen Tetrault, Marjorie Sheppard, Sheila Seiffert, Marklyn Lynn, Bill Wilson, Joyce and Al Miller, Joyce Lindberg, Bob and Becky Tirrell, Fay Rosser, Tom Vine, Jackie Clayton, and Wayne Stevenson.

Those who are incarcerated and their families. Those living with mental health challenges. Those affected by Domestic Violence. Those going through divorce.

Those Who Are Grieving The family and friends of Tom Rieger, John Overton

Prayer Refrain- "Lord Listen to Your Children Praying" CH #305

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture – Jeremiah 8: 18- 22 and 9: 1

Special Music – “Because He Lives”

Sermon – Rev Dr Pam Peterson

Silent meditation on the Gospel message

Offering with Offertory

Call to the Offering

God's love is steadfast and abundant. We are blessed to give from hearts of love that others might experience abundance. May the gifts we bring be used to supply whatever balm is needed, wherever it is needed. May these resources be used to facilitate the wholeness of all. Amen.

Doxology - “PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of DEDICATION

All: Steadfast One, receive our gifts in the gladness we give them. Thank you that we have an abundance of resources to share so that every need is met. May we always give from wide open hearts, and may what we give, be used to bring a balm of justice. Amen.

Communion Service

Invitation to the Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Meal

Communion Hymn – “Have Thine Own Way Lord” CH #588

Prayer of Community

Divine Nurturer, we are thankful that we can come to you any time. You have made it possible for us to come, as we are however, we are. We rejoice in knowing that you walk with us whether the road is rough or smooth. You are steadfast. Through this meal, help us to nurture our relationship with you, ourselves, and each other so that we may be a balm when none can be found. Amen.

Hymn – “There is a Balm” CH # 501

Benediction

Sending Song - refrain “There is a Balm” CH # 501

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