



**Red Lodge Community Church,
United Church of Christ**

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GATHERING MUSIC

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WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Teresa L. Clark

- VBS
- Help with August 2nd Reception following Memorial Service for the Rev. David Munson

RINGING OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive*)

Martha Sobral

ONE: This is the day that God has made;

MANY: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ONE: Come, let us worship and bow down;

MANY: Let us kneel before the Lord our God, our Maker.

*OPENING HYMN

“Forward through the Ages”

NCH # 377

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION / ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ONE: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

MANY: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

ONE: Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

ALL: Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and follow in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

(moment of silence)

ONE: Anyone in Christ becomes a new person altogether; the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new. Friends believe the good news of the gospel:

ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*SONG OF PRAISE

“Glory to God”

NCH # 756

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

C.E. Coordinator Zina General

Children are invited to Sunday School, led by Zina

SCRIPTURE

Mark 6:7-13

Then Jesus went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff: no bread, no bag, no money in their belts, but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

He said to them, “Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them.”

So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks Be to God.

SERMON

“Sent Out”

HYMN

“This Is My Song”

NCH # 591

PASTORAL PRAYER / PRAYER OF OUR SAVIOR (*“trespasses”*)

God of grace and God of glory, you created the world out of your great love and you care for all that is in it. Hear us now as we share our prayers for your beloved creation.

We pray for the earth, especially mindful of the abuse it suffers under the hands of humanity. Guide us in better caring for our natural world and may all be filled with the conviction that we are to be good stewards of your creation.

We pray for the world and its leaders. May wars cease and may the lowest be lifted up. Guide those in power to visions of the greatest good and may they be guided by your Holy Spirit more than anything else.

We pray for our local communities. May they flourish and reflect your gracious view of the kingdom. Make us each bearers of grace and healing in our particular part of the world. May we be the beloved community you created us to be.

We ask for your special blessing upon those who are sick, suffering, or mired in grief, anxiety, and depression. May your Spirit lift them into health and wholeness and may you show us each how to be the hands and feet of Christ to them.

More than anything else, Lord God, we give you thanks for your care and provision to all. May we live in gratitude for the grace you have shared.

It is in Jesus’ name we pray, saying the prayer he taught us, “Our Father...”

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Let us present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

NCH # 778, TUNE: OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

God, we present these offerings that they may be used to extend your liberating reign. With them, we offer our varied ministries in the days ahead that each of us may be a part of your answer to the cries of the world. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

This is the supper of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

All are invited. All are welcome.

INVITATION

We have heard about God, who loved confusion into order and gave each creature a divine image, making the world.

We have heard about Jesus, a poor man whose banquet feeds the world, a healer whose wounds give life, a teacher whose wisdom traces love's order in the world, finding the divine in each of us.

We have heard how Jesus died, and how, for those who loved him, he rose again.

We have heard about the Holy Spirit, who breaks the bonds of race and class, of gender and creed, to show God's love for everyone.

And we have heard that love makes all things new.

We come to this table asking for the bread and cup of such blessings.

These miracles begin with simple human gestures, bits of bread ..., tongues that talk, souls that yearn. And so we bring bread and cup, prayers and our own yearning, that the miraculous may begin in us today.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, who has created the heavens and the earth, giving breath to every living thing, we thank you for all the gifts of creation and for the gift of life itself.

We thank you for making us in your own image, for forgiving us when we act as though you have no claim on us, and for keeping us in your steadfast care.

We rejoice in Jesus Christ, the only one eternally begotten by you, who was born of your servant Mary and shared the joys and sorrows of life as we know it.

We remember Christ's death, we celebrate Christ's resurrection, and, in the beloved community of your church, we await Christ's return at the end of history.

We take courage from the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit in our midst.

We offer you our praise for women and men of faith in every age who stand as witnesses to your love and justice.

We remember that on the night of betrayal and desertion, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to the disciples, saying: "This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, Jesus also took the cup, after supper, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

By eating this bread and drinking this cup, we proclaim Christ's death, celebrate Christ's resurrection, and await Christ's coming again.

Gracious God, we ask you to bless this bread and cup and all of us with the outpouring of your Holy Spirit.

Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, the church, your servant people, that we may be salt, and light, and leaven for the furtherance of your will in all the world.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

Through the broken bread, we participate in the body of Christ.
Through the cup of blessing, we participate in the new life Christ gives.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come, for all things are ready.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

We are serving by Intinction today; please go forward as directed by a Deacon, receive the bread, dip one end of the bread in the cup, partake, and return to your seat by the other aisle.

COMMUNION HYMN “One Bread, One Body” Songbook p. 53

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (unison)

We give thanks, risen Savior, that you have refreshed us at your table and strengthened us for ministry in your name. Through the ongoing presence of your Holy Spirit, grant us love for others, joy in serving you, peace in disagreement, patience in suffering, kindness toward all people, goodness in evil times, faithfulness in temptation, gentleness in the face of opposition, self-control in all things. Amen.

*HYMN “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing” NCH # 76

*BENEDICTION

*SENDING SONG “Go Make a Difference” Pew Card

After Worship, please join us downstairs for fellowship hosted by Marty Clague & Martha Brown

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We are an Open and Affirming Church.

Transitional Pastor Teressa Clark is available for **pastoral care** emergencies and visits. Please contact her by calling or texting **406-717-9745** or by emailing rlccminister@gmail.com.

Deacons serving today are Helen Mackay & Jody Loeffen.

Jay West records our Sunday Worship Services. If you wish to restrict the use of photos and videos that include you, please complete the Photo/Video Opt-out form and deliver it to the church office.

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Pastoral Prayer by Tara Bulger from Presbyterian Outlook, 2024, provided for free distribution. Outlook-Order-of-Worship-July-7.pdf (pres-outlook.org)

Invitation to Communion by Nancy Rockwell in *Before the Amen: Creative Resources for Worship*, eds. Maren C. Tirabassi and Maria I. Tirabassi (Cleveland: The Pilgrim Press, 2007), 138.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

August 5 - 8, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Children Ages 3 through 11

Dinner will be served

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- Registration for each child is required by July 23rd; forms are available in the office.
- Volunteers needed to help with dinner, to help with the activities (Bible story, art, music), and to shepherd each group through the activities;
 - Volunteer applications are required by July 23rd
 - Safe Church Orientation is required of all volunteers; it will be offered at 11 a.m. on July 23rd and, if needed, at an alternate time coordinated by Teressa and Zina

HOSPITALITY TEAM: Please sign up to help with the luncheon following the Memorial Service for the Rev. David Munson on August 2nd. We need cookies as well as volunteers to help set up, serve, and clean up.

RED LODGE COMMUNITY CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE & PICNIC

July 28, 2024, AT KALEVA PARK – 10:00 A.M. WORSHIP – WITH PICNIC TO FOLLOW

Directions: Kaleva is located on Route 212 north of Red Lodge, between mile markers 77 and 78 on the east side of the road.

What to Bring: Last names beginning with **A through L: Salad (cold only)**

Last names beginning with **M through Z: Dessert (cold only)**

Table Service (bring plates and tableware)

Lawn Chairs (you are encouraged to bring lawn chairs as worship will be outdoors)

Own Drink (if other than lemonade, coffee, or water is desired)

Mosquito Repellant and Sunscreen (if needed)

Church to Provide: Pulled Pork, BBQ Sauce, Buns, Chips, Lemonade, Water and Coffee (regular & decaf)

Other Information: The church worship service will be held outdoors (weather permitting), bring lawn chairs for this. Picnic tables will be available under the pavilion for the picnic. Restrooms are available and handicap accessible. A regular offering will be taken during the church service, along with a donation basket to help cover the expense of using Kaleva Park. Come for a great morning of worship, fellowship, and food. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or one of the Deacons.