

Announcements

July 5, 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!

Thanksgiving for Healing! – Gene Davey
Our confirmation class, working toward their mission project!
The creation that we are called to care for!

We Keep in Prayer:

Eileen Rieger, Virginia Robertson, Val and Jim Smith and their daughter Dana Duell, Sharon Scott, Carin Kirikos, Kim, David Vaile, Macey Ropp Bennett, Tom Ertin, Becky Tirrell, Ellen, Steve Hanson, the City of Billings, Mary Ann, Richard, Loretta Sironen, Lynette Coleman, Debbie Bratton, Colleen Stevenson, Nicki, Delores, Nicholas, Alex and Hank, Hank Hawkins, Jean Walters, Kit and Cort Richards, Bill, Georgia Foster, Lonna Bradley and her son Brandon Arthur, Liz Moore, Les Hedquist, Bruce Haughey, Gary, David Ritter, David Scott, Daniel Scott, JoAnn Grandstaff's grandson, Russ Born, Aspen, Russ Lord, Bill Camp, Skip Aleksich, David Peterson, Michael Dufresne, Rebbecca Robinson, Julia Childs, Jim, Morgan, Dan Seifert, Lt. Col. Matt Born ANG and all those deployed to respond to COVID-19, health care workers in Carbon County, those suffering from the COVID-19 and those suffering with them, and everyone around the world as we live in these challenging times, police officers; our city, our Mayor, City Council, and police department – both collectively and independently; those who walk in a place of fear and distrust.

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

Those Who Are Grieving

All those walking in grief

To add or remove someone from the prayer list, please e-mail your request to: rlccprayers@gmail.com.

Red Lodge Community Church
Sunday, July 5, 2020

Prelude

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Prayer of Invocation

All: Gracious God, gentle in your power and strong in your tenderness, you have brought us forth from the womb of your being and breathed into us the breath of life. We know that we do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from you. Feed our deep hungers with the living bread that you give us in Jesus Christ. May Jesus' promise, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them," be fulfilled in us. Make us a joyful company of your people so that with the faithful in every place and time we may praise and honor you, God Most High. Amen.

Our Sacred Text

Psalm 51: 1-19

¹Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. ²Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. ³For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. ⁴Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment. ⁵Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. ⁶You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart. ⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice. ⁹Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. ¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right^[b] spirit within me. ¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. ¹²Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing^[c] spirit. ¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. ¹⁴Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance. ¹⁵O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God^[d] is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, ¹⁹then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Luke 3: 21-22

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; ^[a] with you I am well pleased."

Call to Worship

One: God knows us and our hungers

All: God loves us and nurtures us like a parent

One: God draws us to each other

All: And claims us as the people of God

One: Knowing this, let us worship God together!

Hymn

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

1 For the beau-ty of the earth, for the splen-dor of the skies,
2 For the won-der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of hu-man love, broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,
4 For the good that love in-spires, for a world where none ex-clude,

For the love which from our birth o-ver and a-round us lies,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, for all gen-tle thoughts and mild,
For a faith that nev-er tires, and for ev-ery heart re-newed,

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate-ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7.7. with refrain
 Conrad Kocher, 1838
 Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

Service of Holy Communion

Gathering Prayer of Confession

Gentle and holy God, we acknowledge to you, to one another, and to ourselves that we are not what you have called us to be. We have stifled our gifts and wasted our time. We have avoided opportunities to offer kindness, but have been quick to take offense. We have pretended that we could make no contribution to peace and justice in our world and have excused ourselves from risk-taking in our own community. Have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and help us to live our lives differently, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, whose call to follow haunts our every prayer. Amen.

Sharing the Meal

Community Prayer

**All: One fact remains that does not change:
 God has lived us, loves us now, and will love us always.
 This is the good news that brings us new life. Amen!**

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer
(from The New Zealand Prayer Book)

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and testing, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Leader: As we have prepared Christ's table with the offerings of our life and labor, let us now present with joy our offerings of commitment and support for the work of Christ's church.

Offertory
Instrumental
"We Are Called"

Prayer of Dedication

People: All good gifts around us come from you, O God. You have given us life, and new life in Christ. As you have given us gifts, so we offer our gifts that we may be gifts to one another, even as Jesus so taught and lived. Amen.

Hymn
 "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"
 (verse 1 only)

Refrain

Ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing in my heart I will

pray. Yes, ev - ery time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

Last time, end

in my heart I will pray. 1 Up - on the moun - tain my God
 2 Oh, Jor - dan riv - er, chil - ly and

spoke, out of God's mouth came fire and smoke. Looked all a -
 cold, it chills the bod - y, not the soul. There's on - ly

to Refrain

round me; looked so fine; I asked my God if all were mine.
 one train on this track; it runs to heav - en, then right back.

Among the thousands of spirituals that exist today are songs of gladness and songs of sorrow. This well-known spiritual is a song of joy, captured not only in the words, but in the lively rhythms.

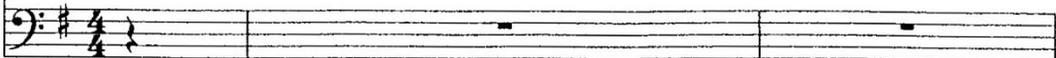
Tune: African-American spiritual
 Arr. Joyce Finch Johnson, 1992

Sermon
 "Transitions in Prayer"
 Rev. Pamela J Peterson

Hymn
 "Not My Brother, Nor My Sister"



1 Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's me, O God,
 2 Not the preach - er, nor the dea - con, but it's me, O God,
 3 Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's me, O God,
 4 Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's me, O God,



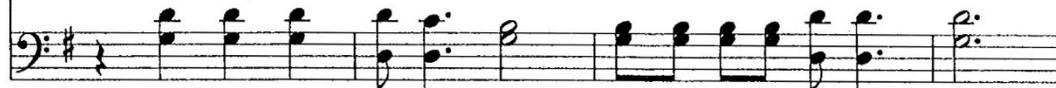

stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my broth - er, nor my sis - ter, but it's
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 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not my fa - ther, nor my moth - er, but it's
 stand - ing in the need of prayer; Not the strang - er, nor my neigh - bor, but it's




me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer. It's
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.
 me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer.




me, it's me, O God, stand - ing in the need of prayer;
 it's me,





James Weldon Johnson included this African-American spiritual in his historic collection of 1925, The Book of American Negro Spirituals. It was popularized by Mahalia Jackson, who specialized in such spirituals when she began her public singing career.

Tune: NEED OF PRAYER 13.7.13.7. with refrain
African-American spiritual

Benediction

Leader: Jesus said, "you ought always to pray and not to faint."
Do not pray for easy lives; pray to be stronger people.
Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers, but for power equal to your tasks.
Then, the doing of your work will be no miracle – you will be the miracle.
Every day you will wonder at yourself and the richness of life, which has come to you by the grace of God.



Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Pam Peterson, Worship Leader
Andrea Holmen, Musician
Marty Clague, Choir Director
Jay West, Videography, Audio, and Tech Support

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