

CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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October 10th, 2021 – Thanksgiving Sunday|



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*This bulletin is dedicated “In Memory of Harold Scutt”
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We Gather as God’s People

Lighting the Christ Candle

One: God’s Spirit is stirring within us. Let the light of this Christ candle mark our readiness to welcome our God.

All: Let this candle be a beacon of love to all.

Introit: #7 [MV]

Welcome & Announcements

Minute for Mission

Call to Worship:

One: For the bounty of the harvest, for the colors of the fall,

All: thanks be to God.

One: For the miracle of bird migration, for the ingenuity of hibernation,

All: thanks be to God.

One: For the glories of the earth all around us,

All: we give thanks to God, our Creator.

One: Come, let’s join our voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.

Hymn #516 [VU] *Come, You Thankful People, Come*

Opening Prayer:

One: Holy God, we praise you for the simple gifts of creation on this autumn day. We also pray for the gifts of peace, of community, of being able to gather in worship on this Thanksgiving Sunday.

All: Before we even ask, we’re forgiven. Before we pray, we’re already held in your love. For the blessing of your unending grace, we give you thanks. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

Hymn – *Can a Little Child Like Me* (insert)

Time With the Young-at-Heart

We Listen For God’s Word

Prayer of Illumination

One: May the reading of your word, O God, give us inspiration, hope, and confidence.

All: May we receive new understanding from the message you have for us, drawing us deeper in love with you, with ourselves, and with each other. Amen.

Scriptures: Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126 - #850

Matthew 6:25-33



Reflection

We Respond to God’s Word

Hymn #518 [VU] *As Those of Old Their First-fruits Brought*

Prayer of Confession

One: Creator God, carve out a wider place in us where gratitude might grow.

All: In every part of our being, carve out a place where we might carry thankfulness throughout each day.

One: Bless us with forgiveness for the time we focus solely on what we don’t have, what we don’t yet own, and what we have yet to achieve.

All: Forgive us for neglecting what you’ve already granted us.

One: Move us forward in generosity, joy, service and determination, so that others would have what they really need – the essentials to life.

All: Above all, we seek your peace, not just for us, for our church or for our community, but for all of your creation. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

One: Just as the changing seasons are part of God’s eternal cycle of life, God knows that we grow and change. God forgives us for the things we’ve done or forgotten to do.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Dedication of Offering

Prayers of the People

Hymn # 517 [VU] *Praise God for the Harvest*

Commissioning and Benediction:

One: With heart and hands and voices,

All: we thank God for wondrous things.

One: We go from here filled with the love of God,

All: the peace of Christ,

One: and the presence of the Holy Spirit.

All: May the blessings of God go with us now and always. Amen.



Announcements

Crossroads

Time change: August 1st to November 30th – Wawota at 9:30 a.m., Maryfield at 11:30 a.m.

M & P Meeting: Thursday, Oct. 21st – 5:00 p.m. - in Maryfield.

Bulletin Sponsorship: The cost to dedicate a weekly bulletin to a loved one has been increased as of Mar. 15th to \$8.00/bulletin. This now reflects the actual cost of a weekly bulletin cover. Payment options (no cash please): 1) Cheque made payable to Crossroads United Pastoral Charge, Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0; 2) E-transfer (mrdiths@sasktel.net) Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

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Wawota

Fall Supper: Sunday, Nov. 7th. Adults: \$15.00; 11 & under \$7.00; pre-school free.

Maryfield

Bible Study: Bible Study: Thursday, Oct 14th, 21st & 28th at 10:00 a.m. in the church

Fall Supper: Sunday, Oct. 24th. Take-out format only. Adults: \$15.00; 11 & under \$8.00; pre-school \$5.00

Soup, Sandwich & Dessert: MUC will be serving lunch at the Maryfield Trade/Craft show on Saturday, Oct. 16th from 11:30 – 1:00. Trade show is from 10 – 3 in the Harmony Center. Proof of double vaccination will be required in order to attend.