

## CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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### *We Gather as God's People*

#### Lighting the Christ Candle

One: We light the Christ candle remembering the star that led the wise men to the Christ child.

**All: May his light shine through us as a beacon of hope in our world.**  
(Christ candle is lit.)

**Response: #87 [VU] *I Am the Light of the World* (refrain)**

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Minute for Mission

#### Call to Worship:

One: Jesus calls us:

**All: to faith,**

One: to service,

**All: to generosity,**

One: to life in all its fullness,

**All: to joy and to thanksgiving.**

One: As we gather this day,

**All: may our hearts be open**

One: to receive that call

**All: and to know that we're worthy to answer.**

**Hymn: #562 [VU] *Jesus Calls Us***

#### Opening Prayer

One: Generous God, we pray to you this morning. In our listening,

**All: may we receive your voice in our hearts, encouraging us to live for one another.**

One: In our witnessing, may your good news be proclaimed.

**All: In our greeting, may we recognize you in the faces of those greeting us.**

One: In our praying, may we feel your touch of grace.

**All: In our singing, may your harmony ring out with joy. Amen.**

#### Lord's Prayer

**Hymn: #563 [VU] *Jesus, You Have Come to the Lakeshore* + #564 *A Prayer for Discipleship***

#### Time With the Young-at-Heart

### *We Listen For God's Word*

#### Prayer of Illumination

One: Holy God, as we receive your word today, reach into our hearts and plant your love in us. **All: Reach into our experience and find the unexplored places that need and healing and understanding.**

One: Reach into our faith your gospel and shape us with your word of life.

**All: Prepare us to serve you with confidence, imitating Christ as we live as your people. Amen.**

**Scriptures:** Isaiah 9:1-4

Psalm 27 - #754

Matthew 4:12-23

#### Reflection

### *We Respond to God's Word*

**Hymn: #162 [MV] *I Have Called You by Your Name***

#### Prayer of Confession:

One: Gracious God, often we find ourselves wishing we'd responded to a need or request for help.

**All: Sometimes we wish we hadn't thought the thoughts or shared the words we did, words and thoughts that have hurt others.**

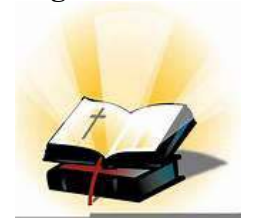
One: We know we aren't perfect, but sometimes we wish we were better people.

**All: Today, by God's grace, we can make a change.**

One: Forgiving God, we're humbled before you.

**All: You've created us in your image, and yet at times we fail to live up to that image.**

One: You've shown us again and again your love for humanity, and yet we still make mistakes and fail to carry out your vision for us.



**All: Forgive us and create in us a renewed intention to be a better people. Amen.**

**Words of Assurance**

One: God hears our prayers and understands our shortcomings.

**All: The God of love and compassion works within us to create anew, again and again.**

One: Let's go forward in that renewal, desiring to be the best we can be as a forgiven people.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Offering & Dedication**

**Prayers of the People**

**Hymn: #120 [VU] *O Jesus, I Have Promised***

**Commissioning and Benediction:**

One: Go back into your daily activities – renewed, refreshed, and enlivened.

**All: We go, knowing that we're called by God to be part of the unfolding drama of life.**

One: Go, assured that God calls you to a ministry that is important.

**All: May the joy in being one of God's called and chosen people give us the energy to reach out to other in transforming love.**

One: May the delight in following the path that Jesus the Christ has trodden give us courage to act in ways that bring about justice.

**All: May the mystery of the Holy Spirit whisper in our hearts, and may we be bold enough to receive with clarity the challenge that is before us.**

One: The Spirit will be our guide.

**All: Amen.**

**Response: #79 [VU] *Arise, Your Light Is Come* (v.1)**



**Service Times:** December thru March - Wawota 9:30 am, Maryfield 11:30 am.

**Bulletin Sponsorship:** The cost to dedicate a weekly bulletin to a loved one has been increased as of Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> 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).

**Crossroads AGM:** Sunday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> in Maryfield at 1:00 p.m. No worship service in Wawota – Maryfield service at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m.

**Twoonie Draw for M & S:** IF you watched the Provincial Scotties Tournament of Hearts held in Estevan this week.

**Wawota**

**AGM:** Sunday, February 5 during worship

**Maryfield**

**Bible Study:** Thur., Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10 a.m. in the Haven.

**AGM:** Sun. Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> during worship