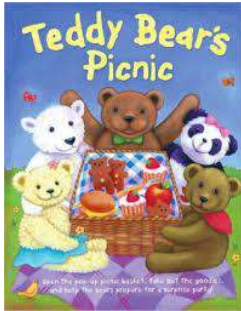


## CROSSROADS UNITED PASTORAL CHARGE

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August 11, 2019

Minister & Worship Leader

Roy Bortolotto

Ministry of Music

Maryfield: Mary Lou Sweeting

Wawota: Nicki Ford

### We Gather As God's People

Welcome and Announcements

Introit - #122 [MV] *This Is The Day*

### Introduction

#### Call to Worship

One: Children of God, let's open our hearts

**All: We're joyful for God's gift of unconditional love.**

One: Children of God, let's open our eyes,

**All: We're thankful for God's comforting presence.**

One: Children of God, let's reach out our hands.

**All: We're mindful of God's caring companionship.**

One: Children of God, let's open our ears.

**All: We're attentive to God's faithful and trusted listening.**

One: Come, let's worship God.

Hymn: #299 [VU] *Teach Me God to Wonder* (v.1, 2, 4)

#### Prayer of Approach

Comforting God, you're the source of all that's good. May we reflect your presence in the world. May we be soft and gentle, faithful and trustworthy, ever present, never judging, always willing to listen. May we be a caring companion for the hurting and lonely, bringing joy and happiness by the love we share. This we ask in the name of the one who taught us to say, "Our Father ..."

Lord's Prayer

History of the teddy bear

Hymn: #574 [VU] *Come, Let us Sing of a Wonderful Love* (v.1, 4)



## We Listen and Reflect on God's Word

### 1) Unconditional love

Scripture: John 15:9, 11-12

Commentary and Story

Hymn: #224 [VU] *Sing a Happy Hallelujah* (v.1, 2)

Children's Time – "What does a teddy bear need?"

Hymn: #79 [MV] *Spirit, Open My Heart* (v.2, 3)

### 2) Comforting presence

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Commentary and Story

Hymn: #657 [VU] *He Leadeth Me* (v.1, 2)

### 3) Caring companion

Scriptures: Hebrews 13:5b, Matthew 28:20b

Commentary and Story

Offering, Doxology (#537 [VU] *Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands*) and Dedication

Hymn: #81 [MV] *Love Us Into Fullness* (v.1, 2)

### 4) Faithful and trusted listener

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:7

Commentary and Story

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

One: Gracious God, you watch over all who love you. You hear our prayers and fulfill all our desires in due season. You are near. We feel your presence. We come before you today.

**Sung Response: #21[MV] *Open Our Hearts***

One: Splendid God, you've performed mighty deeds among us. Your justice and mercy will endure. From generation to generation, we, your faithful – who thank and bless you - come before you.

**Sung Response: #21[MV] *Open Our Hearts***

One: Life-choosing God, we'll tell all of your abundant goodness. We'll sing aloud of your righteousness. We'll meditate on your wondrous works. We come before you.

**Sung Response: #21[MV] *Open Our Hearts***

One: God ever-near, your greatness is unsearchable. You're forever to be praised. Everyday we'll bless you! We'll bless your name forever and ever!

**Sung Response: #21[MV] *Open Our Hearts***

One: Reconciling God, release us from all our fears, soften our hearts, take our hands and outstretch them to embrace all who are misplaced, lost, and forgotten.

**All: O God, you're good to all. Your compassion is over all you've made. Amen.**

**Hymn: #427 [VU] *To Show by Touch and Word* (v.1, 3)**

**Commissioning and Benediction**

One: We're surrounded with God's unconditional love.

**All: Thank you, God, for your wonderful gift.**

One: We live in God's comforting presence.

**All: Thank you, God for always being with us.**

One: We go forward with God's caring companionship.

**All: Thank you God, for walking with us every day.**

One: We're grateful for God's faithful and trusted listening.

**All: Thank you, God, for hearing our concerns.**

One: As we leave this place, may we go forth ready to make a difference knowing God is around us, Jesus walks before us, and the Holy Spirit is beside and within us. Amen.

**Response: #212 [MV] *Sent Out in Jesus' Name***

***ANNOUNCEMENTS***



**Crossroads**

**Worship times:** August to November: Wawota at 9:30 a.m., Maryfield at 11:30 a.m.

**Bulletin Sponsorship:** If you would like to dedicate a service to a loved one, please send a cheque of \$6.00 (no cash please) to Lynne Swanson (Box 390, Wawota, SK S0G 5A0). This will cover the cost of the new bulletin overs. Please indicate the week and name(s) of your loved one(s).

**Vacation:** Roy will be away for vacation August 14<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Dawn Wilson will be available for pastoral emergencies. Her phone number is (306) 645-4359 or (306) 435-8037 [cell]

**Worship:** August: No worship service August 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> as well as September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Wawota**

**Twoonie Draw for M & S:** IF you attended ANY of the events during last weeks "Heritage Days"

**DVL events:** August: No visitation during July and August.

**Maryfield**

**Bible study:** No Bible study during the summer months. Bible study resumes Thursday, Sept.5<sup>th</sup>

**Villa worship service/communion:** None during the summer months. This resumes Thursday, Sept.5<sup>th</sup>