

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;  
deep in our hearts there is a common theme;  
deep in our hearts there is a common current,  
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

**Sending Forth and Blessing**

When all is smooth sailing,

**we will give thanks.**

When the way is rough, and the time uncertain,

**we will remember that God is with us.**

Let us leave this time of worship with one heart and mind,

**holding each other in prayer,**

**going in faith to love and serve.**

**The Peace**

The peace of the risen Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

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**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**Pembina Parish**

**Zion-Calvin & St. Paul's**



***“May they be of one heart and mind  
as we are one heart and mind”***

***-John 17:11***

**Easter 7**

**Sunday May 24th, 2020**

## Welcome and Sharing

### Lighting of the Christ candle and Rainbow candle

#### Call to Worship

Seeking God's peace;

**we come to this time of reflection and calm.**

Seeking God's presence;

**we come to this time of worship and prayer.**

Seeking God's challenge;

**we come to this time where God's word is shared.**

Seeking God's love;

**we come to be united as one in heart and mind.**

Come, let us worship God!

#### Opening prayer

#### Opening Hymn 409 (VU):

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing, fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning,  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

#### Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

we confess that we have not always  
sought the unity you desire for your Church.

We have allowed differences to divide us,  
we have separated ourselves from others,  
we have enabled conflict to disrupt our relationships and care.  
Forgive us, O God.

Help us to remember that we are one,  
the Body of Christ in the world.

Hear us now, as we make our silent confession...

*(time of silence)*

## Words of Affirmation

Brothers and sisters in faith,  
the One who meets us in this sacred time  
with words of peace and hope  
is the same One

who renews grace and peace within us now.

**We are a forgiven, loved, and cherished people.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

#### Gospel reading: John 17: 1-11

*Jesus prays that his disciples all "may be one."*

"This is the Gospel of Christ."

"Praise to Christ, our Life."

## Faith Reflections

#### Hymn 602 (VU):

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;  
the unity of heart and mind is like to that above.

Before our Maker's throne we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our comforts and our cares.

We share each other's woes, each other's burdens bear;  
and often for each other flows the sympathizing tear.

This glorious hope revives our courage on the way;  
that we shall live in perfect love in God's eternal day.

#### Minute for Mission

#### The Offering

#### Prayers for Others and Ourselves

#### Closing Hymn 154 (MV):

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;  
deep in our hearts there is a common song;  
deep in our hearts there is a common story,  
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;  
deep in our hearts there is a common goal;  
deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,  
justice and peace in harmony.