



Ralph Connor Memorial United Church

*"The Little White Church on Main Street, Canmore"
Celebrating 125 Years in 2016*



INFORMATION FOR SUBSTITUTE MUSICIANS

Following is a typical worship service at Ralph Connor Memorial United Church. Expect slight variations which the Minister will go over with you. The church office is usually open Tuesday through Friday mornings if you need to pick up a hymnal for practicing. Sunday morning worship begins at 10:00 a.m. so arrival between 9:30-9:45 will allow time to connect with the minister or worship leader. Ten minutes of prelude music before the service starts is nice to set the tone for worship. You can pick up a church bulletin in the narthex to follow along with the service.

- **Welcome and Announcements**
- **Lighting the Christ Candle** - some quiet music is nice as the candle is carried in and placed on the chancel table, e.g. once through a short hymn or a choice of your own.
- **Call to Worship** (usually responsive)
- **Hymn** - the hymns will be numbered as MV (More Voices, the ring-bound hymnal) or VU (Voices United, the dark red hymnal). In general, playing through the refrain or last two lines of the hymn serves as an adequate introduction for the congregation to stand up for singing.
- **Prayer of Approach and Time of Silent Preparation**
- **Scripture Readings**
- **Responsive Psalm from Voices United** (rarely used)
- If a responsive psalm is planned, play through the psalm refrain once, then play it again with the congregation singing. Each time the "R" appears in the reading, give the starting pitch, then play the refrain once with congregation singing.
- **Hymn**
- **Sermon** - feel free to sit on a front pew or chair to be more comfortable during the sermon.
- **Hymn**
- **Passing the Peace and Choir Anthem or Special Music** (if arranged in advance)
- **Minute for Mission** - our mission in the world
- **The Offering is Received** - music (of your choice) is played as the offering is collected. When the ushers are finished they stand at the back and wait for the "offering dedication" piece to begin before proceeding up the aisle. The congregation will sing with this.
- **Offertory Prayer**
- **Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer**
- **Hymn**
- **Benediction and Choral Amen** (Amen, Hallelujah VU 974) - this follows the end of the Minister's benediction. There is a photocopy version on cardboard sitting on the table beside the piano.
- **Postlude** - a piece of music (your choice) as the congregation leaves for fellowship in Gordon Hall and/or departs the church.

**** On Communion Sundays play quiet music as communion is being served. The Musician is served first.**