

LYRICS and PRAYERS

Ralph Connor Memorial

United Church

Worshipping in Banff

FOURTH SUNDAY in LENT

March 19, 2023

**The
Theological
Banquet**

Evangelical

Ecclesial

Ecumenical

Spiritual

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A Time of Gathering Light:

Blessed are you, gracious God:

you have given us life and freedom
to be your people in the world.

Blessed are you, gracious God:

you have brought us into the church,
and into this community of faith,
pilgrims together on the journey into new
creation.

Blessed are you, gracious God:
you have touched our hearts with hope;
you guide us to notice the needs of the
world and share of ourselves as our lived
response to the call of Jesus. Amen.

Hymn: More Voices #28

“God of the Bible”

(Verses 1, 2 & 3)

~Shirley Erena Murray – Tony Alonso~

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Children may go to Kids' Connection at the end of this hymn – they will rejoin us later in the service.

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,
Hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,
You are our centre, daylight or darkness,
Freedom or prison, you are our home.
*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,
Suffering with us, taking our part,
Still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,
Feeding, sustaining, from your own heart.
*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*
*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,
You have made royal, gifted with rights,
Chosen as partners, midwives of justice,
Birthing new systems, lighting new lights.
*Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,
God always faithful, you do not change.*

-end-

Heritage Chant (seated) Voices United # 585
“Jesus Bids Us Shine”
(verse 2)

~ Susan Warner, 1868 – Edwin O. Excell ~

Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him;
well he sees and knows it if our light grows
dim. Jesus walks beside us to help us shine,
you in your small corner, and I in mine.

-end-

Hymn: Voices United # 509
“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”
(“Here I Am, Lord”)

~ Daniel L. Schutte ~

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1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people***

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain,
I have wept for love of them;
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

***Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart***

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them;
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Final Refrain:

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.
-end-*

Prayers of the People ending with The Lord's Prayer

Beloved, in whom is heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth,
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread,
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Closing Hymn: More Voices #142
“Oh A Song Must Rise”

~ Paul B. Svenson ~

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Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. (descend)*

1. From the mountains to the valleys,
From the desert to the sea,
A song must rise once again (again)
From the voices of our leaders,
The voice of you and me,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. (descend)*

2. From poverty and riches,
From the voice of young and old,
A song must rise once again (again)
From the free and the imprisoned,
The timid and the bold,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend.

Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. (descend)*

3. From ev'ry house of worship,
In ev'ry faith and tongue,
A song must rise once again (again)
From the villages and cities
A new song must be sung,
A song must rise for the spirit to descend

Final Refrain:

*Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend
Oh a song must rise once again (again)
Singing out God's praises and glory,
the faithful voices blend,
Oh a song must rise
for the spirit to descend. (descend
-end-*



Please join us for soup and a bun – in the Lonsdale Lounge – then bring your coffee and celebration cake back into the sanctuary for the AGM. We hope to begin the meeting at 11:15