



# Baptism & Communion

**LYRICS and PRAYERS**  
**April 30, 2023**  
**Ralph Connor Memorial**  
**United Church**



Baptismal Hymn: More Voices #161  
“I Have Called You by Your Name”  
(*Verses 1 & 2*)

*~Daniel Charles Damon, 1995~*

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1. I have called you by your name,  
you are mine;  
I have gifted you and ask you  
now to shine.  
I will not abandon you;  
all my promises are true.  
You are gifted, called and chosen;  
you are mine.

2. I will help you learn my name  
as you go;  
read it written in my people,  
help them grow.  
Pour the water in my name,  
speak the word your soul can claim,  
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

**-to be continued...**

**VU 918: A Statement of Faith:  
the “new” United Church Creed (1968/1980/1994)**

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:**  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
our judge and our hope.

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
God is with us. We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

# Welcoming of the Newly Baptized

*(responsive; please stand as you are able)*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

By one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body.

We welcome you into the community of faith.

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God look upon you with kindness and give you peace. Amen.

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3. I know you will need my touch  
as you go;  
feel it pulsing in creation's  
ebb and flow.

Like the woman reaching out,  
choosing faith instead of doubt,  
hold the hem of Jesus' robe,  
Then let it go.

4. I have given you a name,  
it is mine;  
I have given you my Spirit as a sign.  
With my wonder in your soul,  
make my wounded children whole;  
go and tell my precious people  
They are mine.

*-end-*

**Heritage Hymn: Voices United #226**  
**“For the Beauty of the Earth”**  
***(verses 1-3; tune VU 81)***

*words: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864*

*tune: Conrad Kocker, 1838*

*~PUBLIC DOMAIN~*

1. For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,

*God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon, and stars of light,

*God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

3. For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

*God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

4. For each perfect gift sublime  
to our race so freely given;  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.

*God of all, to you we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

**-end-**

Communion Hymn: Voices United #402  
“We Are One”  
(*verses 1-3*)

*~Doreen Lankshear-Smith - Jeeva Sam~*



1. We are one as we come,  
As we come, joyful to be here,  
In the praise on our lips  
There's a sense that God is near.  
We are one as we sing,  
As we seek, we are found;  
And we come needful of God's  
grace  
As we meet, together in this place.

2. We are one as we share,  
As we share brokenness and fear,  
In the touch of a hand  
There's a sense that God is here.  
We are one as we care,  
As we heal, we are healed,  
And we share warmth in God's embrace  
As we pray together in this place.

3. We are one as we feast,  
As we feast, peace becomes the sign;  
In the bread and the wine  
There's a sense of love divine.  
We are one as we come,  
As we feed, we are fed;  
And we feel God's refreshing grace  
As we meet at table in this place.

-end-

# Great Thanksgiving Prayer

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing...

...we join in their unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is the one who comes in the  
name of God.  
Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is the Christ...  
...we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us...  
all honor and glory is yours, O God,  
now and forever. Amen.**

**Breaking the Bread, Pouring the Cup  
Communion is Served at the  
Front of the Sanctuary**

## Prayer following Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for  
this holy mystery in which you have given  
yourself to us.

Grant that we may go into the world in the  
strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



# Recessional Hymn: More Voices #126

## “Are You a Shepherd?”

*~Ruth Duck – William P. Rowan- 2002~*

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1. Are you a shepherd,  
Good shepherd who leads us  
Safely through danger,  
While calming our fears?  
Are you a father  
Who shelters and feeds us,  
Shares in our laughter  
And wipes away tears?

***Refrain:***

*Yes, you are shepherd,*

*Parent and teacher,*

*But you are greater*

*Than all that we know.*

*Holy and living, loving and giving,*

*God, you are with us wherever we go.*

2. Are you a mother,  
Good mother who bears us,  
Comforts, protects us  
And helps us to rest?  
Are you a teacher  
Who daily prepares us,  
Challenging students  
To offer their best?

***Refrain:***

*Yes, you are shepherd,*

*Parent and teacher,*

*But you are greater*

*Than all that we know.*

*Holy and living, loving and giving,*

*God, you are with us wherever we go.*

3. Great, gentle shepherd,  
Forever beside us,  
Lead all your children  
In paths that are right.  
Great, loving parent,  
Wise teacher, you guide us.  
We want to love you  
And bring you delight.

***Final Refrain:***

*Yes, you are shepherd,  
Parent and teacher,  
But you are greater  
Than all that we know.  
Holy and living, loving and giving,  
God, you are with*

***-end-***