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**Lyrics and Prayers:
Sunday,
November 12, 2023**

**Ralph Connor
Memorial United
Church,
Banff/Canmore**

Hymn: Voices United #713

“I see a new Heaven”

~Carolyn McDade~

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~Children may proceed to “Kid’s Connection” during the singing of this hymn. They will return to the sanctuary in time for the Anthem.~

*I see a new heaven.
I see a new earth as the old one
will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

1. There, there on the banks of a river
bright and free
Yielding her fruit, firm in her root
The Tree of Life will be.

I see a new heaven.

*I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

2. There, there where death dies
and our lives are born again
Body and soul, struggling but whole
Like flowers after the rain.

I see a new heaven.

*I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

3. There, there where the darkness
brings visions from above
There where the night, bearing new light,
reveals the promise of love.

I see a new heaven.

*I see a new earth as the old one will pass away,
Where the fountain of life flows
and without price goes
to all people who abide in the land.*

4. There, there where we work
with the love of healing hands
Labour we must, true to our trust
To build a promised new land.

I see a new heaven.

I see a new earth

as the old one will pass away,

Where the fountain of life flows

and without price goes

to all people who abide in the land. -end-

Call to Worship

~ *By Rev. Juanita Austin, Sicamous UC, in Gathering* ~

After the wreaths have been laid down
at the cenotaph,
after the “Last Post” has been played,
we gather in search of a new way.

We gather on this Sunday after
Remembrance Day
longing for a sign of peace.

It starts here, it starts now, again,
with each thought in our heads,
each prayer in our hearts,
with each choice we make,
each action we take.

(we now observe two minutes of silence)

Let us seek to open ourselves to Divine Love,
for then we can open ourselves to the
possibility of peace. Amen.



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Scripture Reading
From Revelation 2 & 3

Pastoral Prayer

The Lords Prayer: *from the
Then Let Us Sing sampler
(sung in chant form)*

“Abba, Sky Father, Earth Mother”

~Richards/Jeremias, Harding

Abba, Sky-Father, Earth Mother,

Hallow your name;

Bring your rule among us;

Shape the earth according to your plan.

Give us enough bread to-day,

Forgive us our debts, as we forgive those in debt to us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from e-vil.

For the rule, the power, and the glory are yours.

A-men.

Hymn: More Voices #658
“O Love Wilt Not Let Me Go”
verses 1 and 2

~George Matheson, 1881 – Albert Lister Peace, 1884~
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1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.

2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.

-end-

Communion Hymn: MV #173

“Put peace into each other’s hands”

~Fred Kaan, 1989 – Ron Klusmeier~

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**1. Put peace into each other's hands
and like a treasure hold it,
protect it like a candle flame,
with tenderness enfold it.**

**2. Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation.**

3. Put peace into each other's hands
like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye;
our life is meant for caring.

**4. Give thanks for strong - yet tender hands,
- held out in trust and blessing.**

**Where words fall short, let hands speak out,
the heights of love expressing.**

5. Reach out in friendship,
stay with faith
in touch with those around you.
Put peace into each other's hands;
the Peace that sought and found you.

-end-

Prayer over the Gifts

Invitation to the Table: ALL are welcome

Great Thanksgiving Prayer

(follow the lead-lines in your bulletin)

(from the United Church of Christ Worship Book)

Bread and Cup are Shared

(at the front of the Sanctuary, in “tables”)

The 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 God Most High.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eternal God... your faithful people everywhere:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of love and majesty,

The whole universe speaks of your glory, O God most high. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of our God, Hosanna in the highest!

Mighty and tender God
...and await Christ's coming again.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread,
and bless this fruit of the vine.

Bless all of us in our eating and drinking at this table
that our eyes may be opened, and we may recognize
the risen Christ in our midst, in each other, and in
the life of the world. **Amen.**

Bread and Cup are shared

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of the ages, we thank you for the gift of remembrance: remembering the gifts of the congregations now amalgamated, remembering the impact of war in our world, and remembering the impact of a small gathering in an upper room. May these acts of remembering, and the sacred gifts of bread and cup, renew our commitment to your path of forgiveness and peace. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Words of Blessing

Closing Hymn: More Voices #679 “Let there be light”

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~ Music © Robert J.B. Fleming~

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1. Let there be light,
let there be understanding,
let all the nations gather,
let them be face to face.

**2. Open our lips,
open our minds to ponder,
open the door of concord
opening into grace.**

**3. Perish the sword,
perish the angry judgement,
perish the bombs and hunger,
perish the fight for gain.**

4. Hallow our love,
hallow the deaths of martyrs,
hallow their holy freedom,
hallowed be your name.

**5. Your kingdom come,
your spirit turn to language,
your people speak together,
your spirit never fade;**

6. Let there be light,
open our hearts to wonder,
perish the way of terror,
hallow the world God made.

-end-