

Any Questions?

Feel free to ask a greeter or welcome host for assistance.

Enhanced Audio headsets for the hard of hearing are available from the sound person.

Washrooms are located in the foyer, one in the nursery and two more near the church office.

Can't find it in the bulletin?

Check out our website for all the latest on our upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, detailed information on our core values, and much more!

Sermon: Our sermons for each week are uploaded on our website.

Congregational Care: Our Congregational Care Team invites you to reach out for our confidential spiritual and compassionate care, contact okcongregational-care@telus.net or the church office at 403-938-4357.

Stay connected! Sign up for our weekly emails - keep in touch throughout the week through our website. E-mail Diane Willis at okunit-ed@telus.net to sign up for our weekly e-mails.

Healing Ministry - Healing Ministry - the Healing Ministry Healing Session take place the first and third Monday of each month from 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information or to book an appointment.

OUR WELCOME HOSTS ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP TOO!!

You can find them in the entryway

I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW CALGARY MEN'S CHORUS SOUTHERN ALBERTA TOUR

Saturday, March 14th at 7 PM

Okotoks United Church, 43 Riverside Drive

Tickets: \$15 sold in OUC office,

for more information call 403-938-4357

Proceeds going to Okotoks Pride in the Park



Rendez-Vous 2020 Comes to Alberta

Save the date: August 11 - 14, 2020 for Rendez-vous 2020. Check out the poster on the Community Bulletin Board. To make this the best Rendez-vous your help is needed. Volunteers are needed for a variety of roles including greeters, set up and take down as well as other roles. To find out more about Rendez-vous 2020, visit their website: www.uccrendezvous.ca

Bulletin Photos Needed:

If you have photos that you'd like to have in the bulletin please email them to Betty-Lou Bayley at blbayley67@gmail.com.

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**With God's Help we are:
Following Jesus,
Reaching Others,
Changing Lives**



Photo: Bonnie Chant-Kinsman

OKOTOKS-DEWINTON UNITED CHURCHES

Sunday, March 8, 2020

Theme: The Kingdom of God is Like...

Worship Leader: Rev. Julia Kimmett

Congregational responses are printed in bold

***Indicates: please stand in body or in spirit**

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

Work of the Community (Announcements)

Word of Welcome

Gathering Chorus: Move with the Spirit **MV 156**

Acknowledging the Territory

Invitation to Worship

We look at the world with tired, jaded and anxious eyes.

Around every corner something seems to be lurking.

Disease, disaster, distraction all threaten

to crush our bodies, minds or souls.

We can't ignore the real world, we won't see the threats.

Perhaps if we turn our eyes toward Jesus we will see reality for the first time.

What might that look like?

Curiosity, joy, possibility, delight, beauty.

Wouldn't that be amazing?

It may be truer than we think.

May it be so. Come, Lord Jesus, Come and reveal to us your truth.

*Hymn: This Is God's Wondrous World **VU 296**

Grounding Moment

Time with the Young and Young at Heart

*Hymn: The Kingdom of God Goes Around

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Choir Anthem: God Is Everywhere **Althouse/Holden**

Scripture: John 3:1-12

Sermon: ... Geocaching

Reflection/Prayer Candles/Chapel

Prayers of the People and the Prayer that Jesus Taught **VU 959**

* Hymn: Seek Ye First the Kingdom **VU 356**

*Go Out and Change the World (Commissioning)

*Blessing

*Going Out: Sent Out in Jesus' Name **MV 212**

Postlude

Theme for March:

The Kingdom of God is Like...

Kid's Ministry:

Kids, newborn to 4 years are welcome in the nursery anytime during the service. The nursery is located next to the Sanctuary near the west foyer door. Kids aged 5+ are invited to join Candice for the Kid's Ministry program.

New Comers!

We would love to get to know you! You are welcome to fill out a card that is in the chair in front of you in the sanctuary. If you have any questions about our church please see our host after today's service.

Prayer needs:

Lakeview United Church - Calgary

Anne Spice - advocacy work

Covid 19 (Coronavirus) Victims

Equality for all people

Kelsey & Rhet - in hospital (serious car accident)

Prayer Requests

If you have a prayer request please fill out a Prayer Card (found in the seat pocket in front of you) and deposit it in one of the Prayer Boxes found on the candle-lighting stations at the front of the sanctuary.

Requests may also be emailed to:

okcongregationacare@telus.net

Church Happenings:

Choir - come join the choir every Thursday evening from 7:00 - 9:00 in the Sanctuary.

Bible Study - Come join us for weekly Bible Study Thursday mornings 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Conference Room upstairs. This year we will be studying Acts. All are welcome to come learn with us!

Healing Ministry - the Healing Ministry Healing Session take place Monday, March 16th 1:00 - 4:00. Please contact Gisela Dyck at 403-938-2506 for more information or to book an appointment.

Kids' Ministry Schedule for March 2020

March 6, 2020 Youth Group
March 8, 2020 Lost Son
March 15, 2020 Saul's Big Change
March 20, 2020 Youth Group
March 22, 2020 10 Commandments
March 29, 2020 Upper Room



Baking Donations needed for March 28th Concert

The Prairie Mountain Fiddlers are performing a concert on March 28th at the Okotoks United Church. They would like to partner with the Dominican Mission Possible Team again this year to serve drinks and snacks during the intermission. Last year over 200 tickets we sold and the mission possible team raised over \$450. We are looking for anyone who would be willing to donate baking, snacks or treats for this event. If you are able to support the mission team please bring your goodies to the church prior to the 28th and either leave in the fridge or freezer with a label on the package "Mission Possible Concert". If you are unable to bring your donation please contact Gary Dzurka @ 403-992-3334 and we will arrange to pick it up.

Lenten Study – Seven Grandfather Teachings

Tony Snow, the new Indigenous Lead for the Chinook Winds Region, will be facilitating a workshop on the **Seven Grandfather Teachings** in an Intercultural setting. This is part of a larger educational piece for reconciliation and understanding. Please plan to join us at Okotoks United on **Monday, March 30th from 7-9** to learn from Tony, a gentle, kind and wise teacher.

Food For Fun: Sunday March 8th

Food for Fun is an opportunity for people to gather for fellowship and conversation. Thanks to everyone who signed up to bring the soup. Why not consider bringing a friend to church and stay for lunch?

In the spirit of respect and truth, we acknowledge that we live, work and worship on the traditional territories of the people of Treaty 7 – the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani), the Tsuut'ina, the Stoney-Nakoda Nations and the Métis Nation, Region 3. The United Church is committed to restoring right relations with the first peoples and to living in peace and harmony on this land.

Affirming Ministry

Okotoks United will be hosting the Calgary Men's Chorus on March 14th and co-hosting Pride in the Park at Percy Pegler School on June 27th. We are looking for some people to help out with both events. If you can help out the Affirming Ministry Team with either of these events, please let Julia know.

Don't forget! Sunday, March 8th

