



Date: June 28, 2026
Fifth after Pentecost
Theme: Abraham's Faithfulness

Worship Leaders: Worship Committee
Musician: Evelyn Strandquist & Dave Goodwin
Audio/Visual: Holly McKenzie or Nora Nixon
(*: Please, stand if you are able.)

Musical Prelude

Greetings

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome & Announcements (Care & Concerns)

- **Big Thanks to** ~ The UCW ladies, ~ Men's Breakfast for their \$2,000.00 contribution! And ALL the ladies who baked and donated pies for the County of Stettler event!
- **Holiday time** ~ Pick up the printed announcements for holiday hours etc.
- **Heather Baird's mother**, Fern Fleming, passed away. Fern Fleming was born in Salvador, Saskatchewan July 15, 1925. She would have been 100 this summer. She lived in Macklin Saskatchewan, Provost Alberta and Wainwright. After Heather's father passed away she moved to Sherwood Park. She passed on June 24 in the morning in Edmonton.

Acknowledgement of Territory

ALL: God calls us to live with respect and care for all our relations in creation. For thousands of years, Indigenous

peoples of this area have tended the earth, and we give thanks for such diligence. We covenant to live and work together, sharing this land in peace and respect as long as the sun shines, the grass grows, and the river flows.

Peter Chynoweth, Cochrane AB

Call to Worship

Time calls us to this place

to find comfort, to find caring, to love one another.

Time is a gift we are given each morning we rise.

It is our responsibility to use it wisely.

It is also our responsibility to use it gently.

To be, rather than always "to do."

We are human creatures

and we come to this place to honour our Creator.

Come, sit, listen, and most importantly, BE in this place.

We have come answering God's call.

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Light the Christ Candle

Around us, we witness sadness, conflict, and distress.

We pray for peace.

Around us, we witness the damage caused by chronic poverty.

Our prayers are put into action by working for a better world.

This light reminds us that we follow the One who gave everything so that we all might have abundant life.

May it burn brightly each and every day, through us, for the world.

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***Hymn I Sing the Mighty Power VU#231**

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Opening Prayer

Covenanting God, we meet this morning in our house of worship turning our hearts to you and claiming your promises of a home for our hearts, shelter from sorrow, refuge from turmoil, and safety from that which would destroy us.

We believe that you are a promise-keeper and that, even as you kept your promises to Abraham and Sarah, you will also keep your promise to us, that we will dwell in your house forever. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, free us from anything that is not life-giving but death-dealing; from that which breaks relationships and separates us from each other and you.

Help us learn how to surrender ourselves to you, and there to find our true freedom. Amen.

Words of Assurance

The free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. No longer are we bound to shame and those things that lead to death.

Thanks be to God!

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***Hymn Great Is Thy Faithfulness VU#288**

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Prayer of Illumination

Life-giving God, feed us with your word of transformation.

Enable us to experience it with clarity and excitement.

Let us feast on your Good News of love and grace as we receive this message.

May we be your enlivened people. We ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

Laura J. Turnbull, Penticton, B.C. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 29. Used with Permission.

Scripture Readings: Donna Boyd-Stadelmann

Genesis 22:1–14: The sacrifice of Isaac.

**Hymn *Tell Me the Stories of Jesus* VU#357 (verse 1)
(being seated)**

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Congregational Theme/Story Time

Message Worship Committee

***Hymn *Water Flowing from the Mountains* MV#87**

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A Mission and Service Story

Invitation for Offering

***Offering Hymn *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*
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Offering Prayer

We thank you, O God, for partnerships where your family members can tell one another what is really needed, rather than having to pretend to be thankful for gifts that are not needed.

By your Spirit, may our gifts today to Mission and Service and to our local ministry provide what is hoped for and truly needed. Amen.

Karen Boivin, Melville U.C., Fergus, Ont. Gathering, Pentecost 1 2026, 29. Used with Permission.

Prayers of the Gathered Community

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

***Hymn *Take Time to Be Holy* VU#672**

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***Commissioning and Benediction**

***Threefold Amen (Unison) VU#967**

Postlude