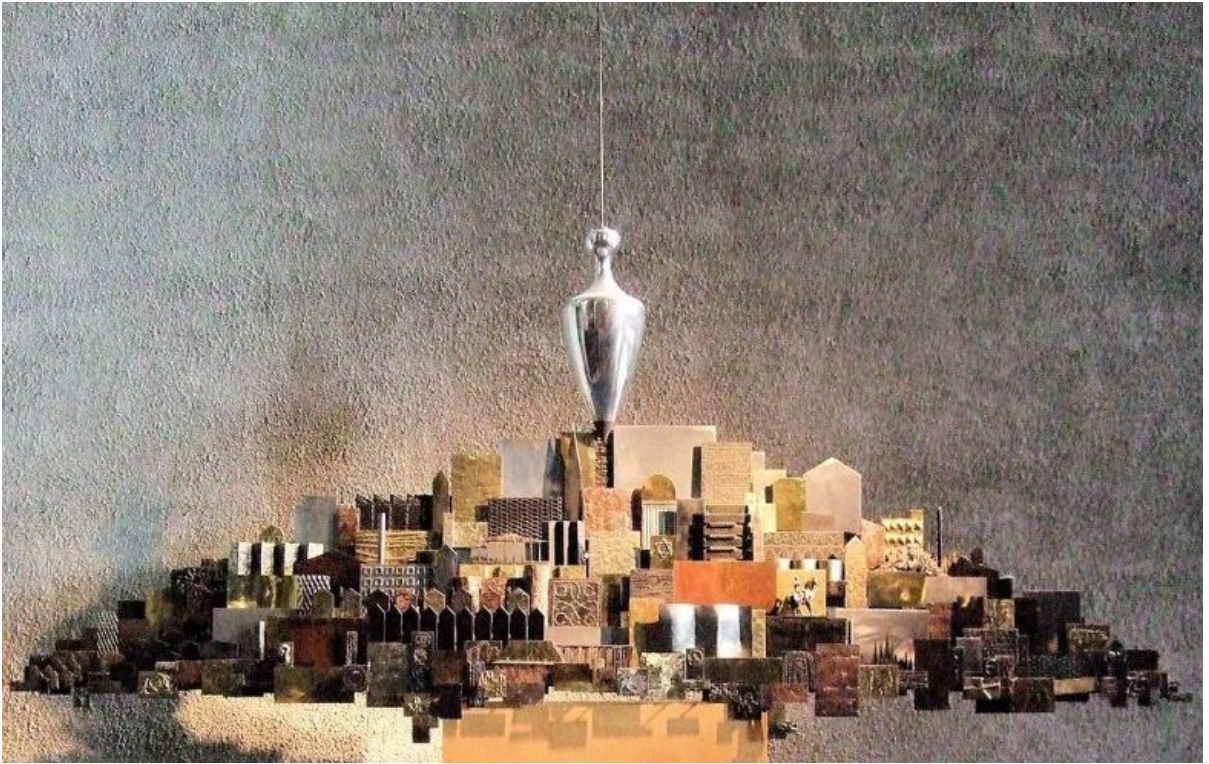


Anglican & United Church Ministries

Home of
**St. Mary the Virgin Anglican
&
Vegreville United Churches**



July 13th, 2025

A Service of the Holy Communion in the Anglican Church Tradition

Rector & Minister in Charge: The Rev. Laureta Blondin

Music provided by Companions on the Journey

(* = Please stand, but only if it is comfortable to do so)

Welcome in the name of Christ to Anglican and United Church Ministries in Vegreville and thank you for joining us today. We pray that you enjoy your time with us and that your spirit is enriched as we sit together at the feet of our Saviour. We believe that no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey God welcomes you... and so do we! If you are visiting us, a warm welcome to you. We pray that you and your family are blessed and experience Christ's love in this morning's service. God's richest blessings be on you!

The congregations of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United Churches are committed to the ongoing work of being fully affirming churches. Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone into the life of our congregations, without exception to ability, age, race, place of origin, ancestry, marital status, gender identity, sexual orientation, life stage, or any other basis by which a person can be pre-judged. You are invited to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.

The congregations of Vegreville United and St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Churches respectfully acknowledge that we are located on ancestral Treaty Six Territory land ᑭᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴᓴ (Siksikaitsitapi), a traditional gathering place, travelling route and home for diverse indigenous peoples including the Nehiyawak (Cree), Tsuut'ina (Sarcee), Niitsitapi (Blackfoot), Nakota Sioux, Haudenosaunee (Iroquois), Métis, Dēnē Sųłınē (Chipewyan), Anishinaabe (Ojibway-Saulteaux), Inuk (Inuit), and many others whose histories, languages and cultures continue to influence our vibrant local communities. We give thanks for their hospitality and the opportunity to share common ground.

Children are welcome at all services! We believe it is very important for families to worship together. Don't feel your child must be absolutely quiet or still, for we are glad to have children — and all their wiggles, giggles, and squiggles — as part of our community and worship life! After all... as an old saying goes, "faith is caught, not taught!"

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life. *See John 6.63, 68*

Land Acknowledgement

♪ **Opening Hymn** ***Friends*** (Binder #48)

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

People **And also with you.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

People **to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

♪ Glory to God

All **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the ☩ Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect Prayer of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Amos 7.7–17 [NRSV]

⁷This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the Lord said to me, 'Amos, what do you see?' And I said, 'A plumb-line.' Then the Lord said, 'See, I am setting a plumb-line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; ⁹the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.'

¹⁰Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, 'Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For thus Amos has said, "Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land." ' ¹²And Amaziah said to Amos, 'O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; ¹³but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom.'

¹⁴Then Amos answered Amaziah, 'I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel." ¹⁶Now therefore hear the word of the Lord. You say, "Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac." ¹⁷Therefore, thus says the Lord: "Your

wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parcelled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.” ’

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 82

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; *
he gives judgement in the midst of the gods:
- 2 “How long will you judge unjustly, *
and show favour to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; *
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; *
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;
they go about in darkness; *
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, ‘You are gods, *
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, *
and fall like any prince.’ ”
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, *
for you shall take all nations for your own.

Reader Let us pray.

People **Strength of the weak, Defender of the needy, Rescuer of the poor, deliver us from the power of wickedness, that we may rejoice in your justice now and forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Second Reading Colossians 1.1–14 [NRSV]

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, ⁵because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel ⁶that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. ⁷This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. ¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

♪ **Gradual Hymn..... *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*** (Binder #3)

The GospelLuke 10.25–37 [NRSV]

Officiant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Officiant This is the Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. 'Teacher,' he said, 'what must I do to inherit eternal life?' ²⁶He said to him, 'What is written in the law? What do you read there?' ²⁷He answered, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.' ²⁸And he said to him, 'You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.'

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' ³⁰Jesus replied, 'A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while travelling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, "Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend." ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbour to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?' ³⁷He said, 'The one who showed him mercy.' Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'

Officiant The Gospel of Christ.

All: **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon The. Rev. Laureta Blondin

Apostle's Creed

Officiant Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, ✠ and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

We hold the following ministries, communities, and people in prayer. During the Prayers of the People in our services of worship we bring before God the needs of others and ourselves. Please consider offering these requests to God in your own daily prayers through this week.

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Father in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need. Our response to, Lord in your mercy," is "**hear our prayer.**"

Thank you, Lord, for giving us the ministry of showing mercy to others. We confess that sometimes we are distracted or self-absorbed. We make excuses for "passing by on the other side." Forgive us, Father, and kindle your Holy Spirit within our hearts. Make us signs of your love to those who need it most (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ever seeking your glory, we pray for the church. Today:

- in the Anglican Communion's world cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and leadership of *The Church of North India (United)* as well as the Edmonton Diocese's own companion Diocese of Buyé in Burundi, Africa.
- in the United Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Carmen Lansdowne, our Moderator and the Fundy-St. Lawrence Dawning Waters Region.
- in the Anglican Church of Canada cycle of prayer, we pray for our Primate, the Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, and for the Diocese of Montreal and the Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, their Bishop.
- in the Northern Spirit Region cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rev. Adam Hall, our Pastoral Relations Minister, and for the people and leadership of the Mill Woods United Church.
- in the Diocese of Edmonton cycle of prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Stephen London, our Bishop and all ministries, initiatives and committees of the diocese.
- in our local cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of Two Hills United Church.
- in our wider ecumenical cycle of prayer, we pray for the Anglican, Lutheran, Moravian, and United senior citizens' ministries.
- in our indigenous cycle of prayer, we pray for the people and the leadership of the Kehewin Cree Nation.

When your Church lies wounded and bleeding, and its leaders pass by on the other side, send your dear Son to be her Good Samaritan.

Anoint her with the oil of healing and gladness. Feed her with the medicine of immortality, the Body and Blood of her Saviour. And raise her up to be your "Mercy Hospital" for a hurting and hurtful world (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Our persecuted sisters and brothers cry to you for help. Give them strength, hope, and courage in their suffering. Do not let us ignore their plight. Forgive and transform evildoers who have wounded them (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill the hearts of everyone in this congregation with kindness and mercy. Make us holy and humble, gentle and good, courageous and compassionate, all in equal measure. Make us into your kindly beasts of burden who bear wounded and dying souls to the healing presence of Jesus, their Good Physician (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give sharp eyes, wise hearts, and generous hands to our elected and appointed leaders, wherever they are given authority and power. Help each of us to notice our neighbour's distress. Give us all the grace and the willingness to show them mercy (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring the healing balm of Jesus' grace and mercy to all who are wounded in body, mind, or spirit, including those we bring before you now and name aloud or hold within the silence of our hearts (*long pause*). Along with those for whom no one prays, bless all who act as Good Samaritans to them. Let all that is needed for health and hope be provided and restore them to full fellowship with all who love them. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, thank you for giving your fullest healing to our beloved dead. Bind up the hearts of those still wounded by grief. Help us to show kindness and mercy to everyone we meet throughout our earthly pilgrimage, for we do not know the burden of suffering they bear (*pause*). Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In the power of the Holy Spirit, we entrust our prayers and petitions into your hands, gracious Father, for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

People **Amen.**

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

♪ Offertory Hymn.....***Come Touch Our Hearts*** (Sheet)

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Father,

All **your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your
peace, for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

***♪ The Sanctus**

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. ☩

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth of your glory are full.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People

Amen.

* **♪ The Lord's Prayer**(VU 959)

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
we are bold to pray,

All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your
kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we
forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time
of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the
power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant "I am the bread of life," says the Lord.
"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!.**

Celebrant Behold who you are, become what you receive.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Communion

Important Health Notice: *For your health and the health of others, please use the hand sanitizer provided before going up for communion. Communion bread is gluten free. There is also both consecrated wine and grape juice.*

♪ Post Communion Hymn.....***In Christ Alone*** (Sheet)

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Living God,

All **in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal
kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve
you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of
Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Doxology

All **Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Benediction

God Moments & Announcements

♪ **Recessional Hymn....*They Will Know We are Christians*** (Binder #5)

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God!**

Thank you for worshipping with us! Please join us for fellowship time with refreshments and treats in the auditorium following the worship service.

Announcements: The Life and Work of the Church

Donations to our churches: To continue the good work of St. Mary the Virgin Anglican and Vegreville United churches and ensure their ongoing presence in our community, your financial support is most appreciated. Donations can be made by either cash, cheque or e-transfer. Please use one of the envelopes located in the Narthex for cash or cheque donations and place the envelope in the offertory plate by the door. If writing a cheque, please ensure the cheque is made payable to either Vegreville United Church or St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church. Annual Tax Receipts are provided for all donations totalling \$20 or more per year to the church of your choice. E-transfers for Vegreville United Church can be sent to vegucc@telusplanet.net and e-transfers for St. Mary's can be sent to

stmarysvegreville@gmail.com. Cheques can also be delivered to 5126-48 Avenue, Vegreville, AB T9C 1M7.

Our Upcoming Joint Ministry Schedule: Our worship services alternate between the Anglican and United worship styles at Vegreville United with occasional blended services:

- July 20th **6th Sunday after Pentecost:** A United communion service at 10:00 AM with Holly Cependa celebrating.
- July 27th **7th Sunday after Pentecost:** An Anglican Morning Prayer service at 10:00 AM with Ardythe Butler celebrating.
- Aug. 3rd **8th Sunday after Pentecost:** A United communion service at 10:00 AM.
- Aug. 10th **9th Sunday after Pentecost:** An Anglican communion service at 10:00 AM.
- Aug. 17th **10th Sunday after Pentecost:** A United service of the Word at 10:00 AM with Georgina Baron celebrating.
- Aug. 24th **11th Sunday after Pentecost:** An Anglican Morning Prayer service at 10:00 AM with Ardythe Butler celebrating.
- Aug. 31st **12th Sunday after Pentecost:** An Anglican-United blended communion service at 10:00 AM.

OMG (Obeying My God) Summer Camps: 9 AM – 3 PM, Tues., Wed., & Thur. July 22, 23, 24 and 9 AM – 3 PM, Tues., Wed., & Thur. August 19, 20, 21. All children (K-6) must be pre-registered and are required to bring a bagged lunch. Spaces are limited, so call the church office (780-632-2338) or email (vegucc@telusplanet.net) to reserve a space. Attendance is FREE but donations to help support this valuable church program are sincerely appreciated

Please contact Irene Sabados via email in the Vegreville United Church office, vegucc@telusplanet.net or by calling (780) 632-2338 for questions, bulletin submissions or to add a name to the prayers for the sick and deceased.