

# West Plains United Church

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*September 29, 2024*  
**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost/  
Creation IV**

*\*Indicates an invitation to stand, as you are able.*  
*VU - Voices United hymn book, MV - More Voices hymn book.*

## **GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE**

### **Lighting of the Christ Candle:**

*We begin with a time of reflection.*

**Prelude:** I 'Adagio,' Sonata in F Major - B. Marcello

### **Land Acknowledgement**

**\*Hymn:** "God Who Spread the Boundless Prairie" MV 53

**Opening Prayer:** (following an Indigenous tradition of praying the four directions)

#### ***facing east***

One: From the East, the direction of the rising sun,  
we receive peace and light and wisdom and knowledge.

**All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

#### ***facing south***

One: From the South comes warmth, guidance, and the  
beginning and the end of life.

**All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

#### ***facing west***

One: From the West comes the rain, purifying waters, to  
sustain all living things.

**All: We are grateful for these gifts, O God.**

#### ***facing north***

One: From the North comes the cold and mighty wind,  
the white snows, giving us strength and endurance.

**All: We are grateful for these and all your gifts, O God.**

Help us to live holy and joyful lives,  
Befitting people you love and save. Amen.

Welcome, Announcements, and Celebrations

## ***PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD***

Prayer of Illumination

**Scriptures:**

Responsive Psalm #124 VU 848

*"Our help comes from God the maker of heaven  
and earth"*

Second Reading: Esther 7: 1-6, 9-10; 9: 20-22

**\*Hymn:** "Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works"

VU 308

**Sermon:** "God behind the Seen"

## ***GIVING THANKS TO GOD***

**Offering Music:** III, IV '*Largo, Allegro,*' Sonata in F Major

- B. Marcello

**\*Dedication of Offering:**

VU 541

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures high and low,  
Give thanks to God in love made known:  
Creator, Word and Spirit, One.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**Prayer Refrain: “Holy Spirit, Hear Us”**

VU 377 v3

***Holy Spirit prompt us  
when we bow to pray;  
speak within and teach us  
what we ought to say.***

**Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Jesus**

(VU 921)

## ***GOING FORTH IN GOD’S NAME***

**\*Hymn: “Never Ending Joy”**

MV 40

**\*Commissioning & Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**Postlude: II ‘Allegro,’ Sonata in F Major**

- B. Marcello

*You are invited to remain seated until the Postlude is concluded to  
enjoy a time of meditation as we conclude our worship service.*

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***Minister: The Rev. Dr. Philip Gardner***

***Music Director: Lianne Tan***

***Flautist: Seiichi Ariga***

***Office Administrator: Wendy Thomson***

***Video Technician: Jacob Sadler***

***Caretakers: Maria DaSilva and Will Fennema***

**Please keep in your Prayers this week:**

Bessie Mifflin, Tony Vandervlist, Christina Vandervlist, Gretchen Harris, Jan Hazelton, Marnie Gaylard, Tillie Hazzard, Joan King, Danvers Leng, Christine Buxton’s family in England.

### **New Office Hours**

The church office is now open Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am to 1pm, closed Friday and Monday.

### **Live!@ West Plains Announcement**

#### **The Millgroove Quintet, TODAY, 2-4pm.**

More than just jazz. The five members of The Millgroove Quintet share nearly 200 years of experience performing jazz and popular music in the Golden Horseshoe area. Along with jazz standards, they perform many original arrangements of popular songs, show tunes, and TV themes. Everyone will recognize a tune! Admission Free (suggested donations of \$25 gratefully received!) Visit [www.westplains.ca](http://www.westplains.ca) or call 905-320-4989, speak to Lianne for tickets, or just come and bring friends and family!

**Lunch in the Park:** Now that the weather is getting chillier, the informal West Plains community lunch gathering at LaSalle Park is taking a pause until summer, 2025.