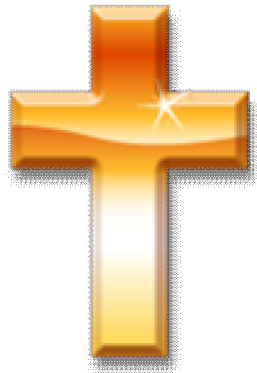




## RED DEER LAKE UNITED CHURCH



## WORSHIP

*City Heart ~ Country Warmth!*



### *Worship is the heart of church life!*

Worship touches each one of us in a variety of ways. Here is how it has been described by various members of the Red Deer Lake congregation:

- “Celebrating God”
- “The coming together of people to talk to God through prayer, music, and singing. Broadening your spiritual journey through listening to a sermon or message. Ritual can also play an important role in worship.”
- “For me, if worship is just reverent love or a set of ceremonies, it is meaningless. Worship is trying to discern what God is and what God would wish us to be about. We do this,

most effectively, together in community with an honest sharing of ideas and feelings. Each of us brings our own expertise and understanding - minister and lay people alike. The resulting understanding is far greater than what any individual could attain. Sometimes we worship in solitude - perhaps reading or meditating - but it is only when we come together to share those ideas that it will bear any meaningful fruit. True worship can then be seen in the actions that follow.”

- “For me worship is only partly what we do on Sunday morning. It is also what we live each and every day.”
- “My involvement in acts of religious praise, honour and devotion to my God includes prayer, meditation, singing, rituals and sacraments”
- “Singing and Praising God with people of the same faith; an opportunity to develop my personal relationship with God.”
- “Sharing God's message with prayer and thanksgivings.”





The Worship Committee takes an active role in worship planning. Each week there are many others that offer their expertise and support to ensure a meaningful worship experience for everyone:

- The Minister does the initial research, planning and preparation as a basis not only for the Service but also for the weekly sermon or reflection
- The Choir Director and Minister work together to select relevant music and hymns
- The Office Team prepares the presentation slides and bulletins with prayers and texts to ensure the full participation of the congregation. Images and pictures are selected to enhance the various readings and themes.

- Members of the congregation volunteer as readers to present the bible passages selected for the service.
- The Adult and Children's Choirs offers Anthems and special music that support spiritual nurture and development.
- Children and Youth are involved in Worship as vital and valued members of the congregation.
- Audio/Visual Technicians ensure that everyone experiences quality sound and synchronized projected images.

The Worship Committee is also responsible for the oversight of Weddings, Funerals, Baptism and Communion. Policies and practices are developed and reviewed to reflect the theology and inclusiveness of The United Church of Canada.

Opportunities to volunteer in Worship include:

- Scripture Readings
- Serving Communion
- Choirs, Special Music
- Dramatizations, skits
- Worship Planning & Support
- Special Services
- Worship Enhancement/Decorating
- Greeters and Ushers




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