

First United Church

1st Sunday after Epiphany

January 13, 2019

Worship Leaders Darlene Cockerill, Cheryl Perry
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Nina Anderson, Joan Dalglish, Edna Rennie
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marlene Spicer
Sound System..... Luke Campbell
Projectionist William Campbell
Coffee Hour Beryl Itani, Margaret Scott
Minute Person..... Jodine Ducs

Welcome Table in the hall after worship - Information about activities and services we offer at First United.

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday we join with other churches to pray for First United Church in Salmon Arm and their minister Jenny Carter.

Offering Counters Today – Linda Munce, Ken Ottoson, Linda Ottoson.

Peace & Justice Table in the hall after worship - Environmental issues, urgent actions & Fair-Trade items.

Healing Ministry - Please contact Judy at 250-862-0712 for appointment.

Here we gather to seek, know and express God's love in an open community which embraces diversity. Through the use of language, imagery, and metaphors that are inclusive of gender, sexual orientation, race and ability, we affirm that all of creation bears the image of God. While we are not always successful, this remains an important goal.

Gathering

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

The Peace

Introit "Being Here" (*Christopher New*)

We move our spirits, we move our spirits from thoughts of getting here.

We move our spirits, we move our spirits t'ward the gift of being here, t'ward the gift of being here.

Call to Worship

This day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.

This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.

This day! This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for the spirit of God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!

Hymn "Spirit of the Living God" (*Voices United 376*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

Gracious God, we confess that too often we live as though we are fearful, not faithful. When we encounter the waters of chaos and confusion, we don't easily pass through them, but we obsess about the height of the water instead of the sight

of the other side. You promised to walk through the rivers with us. Help us believe. And forgive our unbelief.

Sung response "Bathe Me in Your Light" (*More Voices 82, vs. 2*)

**Bathe me in your love, O Source of Awe and Wonder;
Help me walk the sacred path of harmony and peace.
May I be attentive to the musings of your presence,
Drinking from the well of hope that brings the heart
release.**

Word

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (Ashleigh Gurr)

Word for all Ages

Hymn "Come In, Come In and Sit Down" (*Songs for a Gospel People*)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem "Out of Deep Unordered Water" -Ron Klusmeier

Isaiah 43:1-7 (Linda Gunn)

Reflection "Claimed by God's Grace"

Hymn "I Have Called You by Your Name" (*More Voices 161*)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Linda Gunn)

The Lord's Prayer

Minute for Mission (Margaret Newbury Jones)

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

"The Lake"-Alec Rowley

Offertory "Oh, What a Wonderful Gift" (*refrain, vs. 3, Linnea Good*)

**Oh, what a wonderful gift! O, what a wonderful gift!
God gives lives of hope and love, O what a wonderful gift!
For all that we receive, for all the love we hold,**

**We answer with our thanks to God,
and share them with the world.
Oh, what a wonderful gift! O, what a wonderful gift!
God give lives of hope and love,
O what a wonderful gift!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

The gifts we give today are but tokens of the blessings we know flow so generously from the spirit of God. May these gifts be a symbol of our ministry in this place and beyond to reach all of God's beloved. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn "Come Touch Our Hearts" (*More Voices 12*)

Blessing

Commissioning "Go Into the Sacredness" (*Christopher New*)

**Go into the sacredness, the sacredness of the world we love.
Go into the sacredness, the sacredness of the world we love,
To live the change, to be the ones, to stand together in peace
and love.**

Postlude

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

*Isaiah 62:1-5; Psalm 36:5-10;
1 Corinthians 12:1-11; John 2:1-11*

Ministry Team

Cheryl Perry (*Minister for Families & Social Justice*)

Frances Chiasson (*Minister of Music*)

Jessica Crawford (*Accompanist*)

Karen Kranabetter (*Liturgical Artist*)

Rachel Anweiler (*Youth Co-ordinator*)

Pat Totton (*Parish Nurse*)

Rev. Beverley Milton (*Minister Emeritus*)

Tanya Pritchard (*Office Administrator*)

Vivian Dunne (*Assistant Administrator*)

Keith Crawley (*Bookkeeper*)

Fikrije & Mahmut Kacuri (*Custodians*)

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Monday – Thursday, Fridays 9:00 AM-1:00 PM

721 Bernard Avenue, Kelowna BC V1Y 6P6

Phone 762-3311 Fax 762-7954

Web Site: www.firstunitedkelowna.ca email: firstunited@telus.net

THANK YOU! There are dishes from the New Year's Day Dinner to be picked up in the hall. Thank you to those who contributed.

Big Book Sale for El Salvador This fundraiser for our scholarship program in our sister community of El Triunfo, will be held on Saturday, January 19 from 9:00am – 12:00pm in the church hall. We have three Big Book Sales per year to raise money toward this program and are looking for donations of newer soft cover books – please no hardcover books at this time. We also need helpers on the morning of the sale and to set up on Friday at 1:00pm. To donate or to volunteer please call Pat McPhee at (250) 869-4839. Muchas gracias.

Monthly Prayer Shawl Ministry Join us to knit or crochet prayer shawls for our congregation and the community at 1:00pm in room 14 on Thursday January 17. We'll help those who are beginner knitters or crocheters.

Women's retreat There are only a few spots left for the Women's retreat in Kelowna, on Saturday, January 26, from 9am to 4pm. Please find our table in the hall today and pick up a brochure. We don't want you to miss out! The fee is \$50 and includes lunch and snacks.

Name Tags The following people have name tags to pick up at the welcome table in the hall after church: Caroline Hopwood, Mark McCullough, Jody McCullough, Kara Beck, Olivia Beck, Amber Murray, Angela Bentley, Zoe Leslie, Gary Hansen, Barbara Stange.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED
JANUARY 13 - 20, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Wednesday	10:30AM Worship Core Ministry: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	1:00PM Prayer Shawl Ministry: 14
Friday	
Saturday	9:00AM Public Book Sale for El Triunfo: Hall
	2:00PM Memorial for Noreen Simkins: Sanctuary
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry