

# First United Church

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6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 17, 2019

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Worship Leaders ..... Frances Kitson, Cheryl Perry  
Music ..... Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson  
Greeters ..... Eunice Easton, Hugh Pett, Irene Pett  
Ushers..... Alyssa Campbell, Maggie Craig, Joan Grahl  
Sound System..... Kim Ducs  
Projectionist ..... Benita Worley  
Coffee Hour ..... Shelley Adamson, Linda Gilmour  
Minute Person..... Cliff Turner

**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 Revelstoke United Church and their minister David Cooke.

**Sunday school Teachers** – Rachel Anweiler, Brock Campbell, Beryl Itani, Ciera Saundry, Ashton Springer, Charlene Ward.

**Offering Counters Today** – Ken Ottoson, Irene Pett, Kathleen Smith.

**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.

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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.

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# Gathering

Prelude

Ring 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

Be still and know that God is.

**Before creation began, God was.**

And when all human striving has ceased, God will still be.

**From everlasting to everlasting,**

**God is God, who alone is worthy to be worshipped.**

Let us sing praise to our God!

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" (*Voices United 232*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

Gracious God,

We acknowledge and confess in your presence

**Our reliance on fear,**

Our reliance on control,

**Our reliance on our selves alone.**

Teach us to trust,

**Teach us to hope,**

Teach us to surrender,

**And let us give our lives to you.**

Words of Hope

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 6:17-26 (Sophia Chiasson)

Word for all Ages

Hymn "Blest Are They" (*Voices United 896 verses 1-4*)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Anthem "Blessed Are They" –Lee Dengler

Jeremiah 17:5-10 (Henk De Roos)

Reflection

Hymn "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (*Voices United 670*)

## Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Henk De Roos)

The Lord's Prayer (*Voices United 959*)

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

"How Great Thou Art"-S. K. Hine, arr. M. Hayes

Offertory "Oh, What a Wonderful Gift" (*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

## **Sending Forth**

Hymn "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" (*Voices United 626*)

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:**

*Genesis 45:3-11, 15; Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40;  
I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50; Luke 6:27-38*

### **Ministry Team**

Frances Kitson (*Supply minister*)

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*)

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**Adult Study** Do you find yourself facing tough decisions at work, in the community or with your family? Is it hard to figure out right from wrong, bad from good? Do you find yourself wandering in the gray area where the answers aren't clear? It may be time to re-calibrate your moral compass! What are the beliefs you hold? What are the values at the very core of your being? What choices will take you to a life of meaning and satisfaction? We'll explore all of this in a five-part study beginning on Wednesday February 20, 7-8:30pm in Rm 14. Facilitated by Sharon Wilson.

**From the Nominating Committee** There are several Core Ministries that are looking for additional and/or new members. Do you feel that you would like to contribute to the ongoing work of the following Core Ministries?: Education, Stewardship, Pastoral Care and Building and Property. If any of these strike a chord with you please see Beryl Itani or any member of the above Core Ministries. Please take a moment to prayerfully consider this request.

**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 February 21. We'll help those who are beginner knitters or crocheters.

**Living Hospitality in the Way of Jesus: Inclusive? Radical? Transforming?** A workshop on Radical Hospitality is on Saturday, February 23, 9:30am-4:00pm here at First. Today is the last day to register! You can register on Eventbrite or by speaking to Cheryl Perry.

**A David and Goliath Story...** We are partnering with Amnesty International: Kelowna group to screen the documentary: *Defensora*. This documentary highlights the historic and ongoing struggles of the Mayan Q'eqchi communities in eastern Guatemala, against the nickel mining company Hudbay Minerals. Following the screening, there will be a conversation via Skype with Grahame Russell from Rights Action. Grahame will provide an update on the cases before the Canadian courts and the human rights situation in Guatemala. Admission by donation. Sunday, February 24 - 1:00pm, in the hall.

**Your income tax receipts have been prepared.** To save on postage, please pick up yours in the sanctuary or in the hall after worship today.

**The Thrift Shop** is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday every week from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

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<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED</b> <b>FEBRUARY 17 -24, 2019</b>
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<b>Today</b>	8:30AM	Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM	Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Coffee Hour: Hall/Kitchen
	3:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
<b>Monday</b>		Family Day Holiday – Office Closed
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00PM	Adult study: 14
	7:00PM	Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM	Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl ministry: 14
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00AM	Radical Hospitality Event: Hall
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