

# First United Church

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Transfiguration Sunday

March 3, 2019

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Worship Leaders ..... Frances Kitson, Cheryl Perry  
Music ..... Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford  
Greeters ..... Brenda Maier, Carl Sapinsky, Donna Sapinsky  
Ushers..... Linda Gilmour, Karen Hawkey, Bobbie Tough  
Sound System..... Deanna Peck  
Projectionist ..... Benita Worley  
Coffee Hour ..... Susanne Donkin, Marlene Spicer  
Minute Person..... Jodine Ducs, Mairi Forsyth

**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 the congregation of Zion United church in Ashcroft.

**Offering Counters Today** – Audrey Beal, Linda Gilmour, Ron Green.

**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

This is no ordinary place:

**This is the house of God.**

This is no ordinary time:

**This is the mystery of God.**

There is no church or temple that can contain God:

**God's glory will dazzle us.**

There is no hour or schedule that can contain God:

**God's glory will frighten us.**

There is no knowing when God will come to us:

**God's glory will change us.**

Our God is a God of mystery, transformation, and glory:

**Praise be to God!**

Hymn "Oh, Sing to Our God" (*Voices United 241*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

God of glory and wonder,

**We confess that we tame you and seek to contain you.**

We close our minds to the awe you inspire;

**We close our hearts to the mystery you breathe;**

We close our eyes to your glorious presence.

**And yet, mighty God, we would be your people.**

Clear our minds,  
**Break our hearts,**  
Dazzle our eyes,  
**Speak to us out of your cloud of presence,**  
And let us dare to fall to our knees before 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

Word for all Ages

Hymn "I Am the Light of the World" (*Voices United 87*)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Anthem "Air on a G String" - *J.S. Bach, Arr. D. Murra*

Luke 9:18-36 (Ron Green)

Reflection

Hymn "How Lovely is Your Dwelling Place" (*More Voices 29*)

## Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Ron Green)

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

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

"Almost A Whisper" - *arr. Yanni*

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 "My Soul Cries Out" (*More Voices 120*)

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 "Aria, from Suite No.8 in G Major"-G.F.Handel

### **Next Week's Lectionary Readings:**

*Joel 2:1-2, 12-17; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 51:1-17;  
2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21*

## **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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**The Annual Congregational Meeting** will be held in the hall after worship on Sunday March 10. A lunch of soup and savoury scones is offered by donation. Paper copies of the annual report are at the Welcome Table or in the office. A digital copy was sent with the First Word.

**WANTED:** Scrabble board games for our upcoming CORC Scrabble tournament on March 8. If you have a board that we can use, please bring it into the office with your name attached. We need 20 boards!!

**Creating your own personal mission statement** Learn how to connect with your deepest Christian beliefs and your core values with your game plan for life. Come and discuss this big idea at the next Adult Study on Wednesday, March 6 at 7pm in Room 14. Sharon Wilson facilitates.

**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.

**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>MARCH 3-10, 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: Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b>	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	5:00PM Shrove Tuesday Carnival, Pancake supper and worship: Hall/Sanctuary
<b>Wednesday</b>	10:00AM Ash Wednesday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Pastoral Care: 12
	2:00PM Stewardship: 12
	7:00PM Adult study: 14
	7:00PM Youth Group
<b>Thursday</b>	7:00AM FirstUp! Meeting: 14
	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	4:00PM Outreach Core Ministry: 14
<b>Friday</b>	7:00PM CORC Scrabble fundraiser: Hall
<b>Saturday</b>	
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour/Soup and Scone Lunch: Hall/Kitchen
	11:30AM Annual General Meeting of First United: Hall
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry