

First United Church

1st Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2019

Worship Leaders Frances Kitson, Cheryl Perry
Music Alleluia Singers, Children's choir, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Joyce Arndt, Shaun Ferguson, Helen Verokosky
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marlene Spicer
Sound System..... Carl Stef
Projectionist
Coffee Hour Catherine Doherty, Joan Grahl
Minute Person..... 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 Ladner United church in Delta.

Offering Counters Today - Ken Ottoson, Linda Ottoson, 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.

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.

REMEMBER TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR THIS SUNDAY!

Gathering

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

The Peace

Introit "In You There Is A Refuge" (*More Voices 84*)

In you there is a refuge, in you we find our peace.

When all we know is chaos may our trust in you increase.

In you there is a silence, in you our minds are clear.

When all we hear is discord may your quiet draw us near.

In you there is a vision, in you we learn to dream.

When all we see is desert may you be our living stream.

In you there is a future, in you we find our way.

When hope has shed its brightness may you show us a new day.

Call to Worship

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

They shall mount up with wings like eagles,

They shall run and not be weary,

They shall walk and not faint.

Come, let us worship God.

Hymn "To the Desert Jesus Came" (*Voices United 113*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

Merciful and generous God,

We come before you, conscious of our sins.

We are ashamed and sorry for the wrong we have done

And the good we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

We have not even loved ourselves very well.

God of mercy, forgive us.

Words of Hope

Sung response “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

(Voice United 400)

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Lord send your Spirit in this place;

Lord, listen to your children praying,

Send us love, send us power, send us grace!

Word

Luke 4:1-13 (Moira Pritchard)

Word for all Ages

Children’s Choir “Al Shlosa D’Varim” (*Allan E. Naplan*)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “On Eagle’s Wings”–*Michael Joncas*

Reflection

Hymn “Spirit God, Be Our Breath” (*More Voices 150*)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession

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

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

“Suite No.4, Allemande”-G.F. Handel

Offertory “Take, O Take Me as I Am” (*More Voices 85*)

Take, O take me as I am; summon out what I shall be;

Set your seal upon my heart and live in me. (2x)

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Sending Forth

Hymn "Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights"

(Voices United 108)

Blessing

Commissioning "Cry of My Heart" *(Terry Butler)*

Postlude "You are My Hiding Place" - M. Ledner, srr. M. Hayes

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

*Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35; Luke 9:28-36*

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 this 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.

Baked potato lunch Plan to stay for lunch on Sunday March 17 to celebrate St. Patrick's. \$5/person with \$20 max/family.

Adult Study There are two more sessions left in this series facilitated by Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson. Join her on Wednesday March 13 at 7pm in room 14 for a look at your **moral compass**. Do you have one? Is it working for you? What is it that triggers you to make moral decisions? What guides you on a path that is consistent with the legacy you want to leave?

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

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| THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED MARCH 10-17, 2019 |
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| Today | 8:30AM Informal worship: 14 |
| | 10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary |
| | 11:15AM Coffee Hour/Soup and scone lunch: Hall |
| | 11:30AM Annual General Meeting of First United: Hall |
| | 3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Sanctuary |
| Monday | 10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14 |
| Tuesday | 10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall |
| | 2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit: 14 |
| | 7:00PM Education Core Ministry: 14 |
| Wednesday | 10:30AM Worship Core Ministry: 14 |
| | 7:00PM Adult study: 14 |
| | 7:00PM Youth Group |
| Thursday | 8:00AM Men's Group meet: 14 |
| | 8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry |
| | 10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall |
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