

# First United Church

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

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Worship Leaders .....	Frances Kitson, Cheryl Perry
Music .....	Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson
Greeters .....	Susanne Donkin, Drew Irvine, Anne Juniper
Ushers.....	Linda Munce, David Scott, Margaret Scott
Communion Servers .....	Joan Dalglish, Susanne Donkin, Bob Gunn, ..... Linda Gunn, Jean James, Trent James, Brenda Maier
Sound System.....	Kim Ducs
Projectionist .....	Benita Worley
Coffee Hour .....	Jean James, Trent James
Minute Person.....	Ron Green

**The Communion Table at First United Church** is a welcoming and open space where all who wish to, may share the holy meal. Please join us.

**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 Cliff Avenue United Church in Burnaby.

**Offering Counters Today** -Ken Ottoson, Linda Ottoson, Edna Rennie.

**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 "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

God invites us to journey in the way of faithfulness,

**To walk the Lenten road with Christ.**

We journey with confidence, for Christ is with us.

**God's steadfast love will never leave us.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn "All Who Are Thirsty" (*More Voices 4*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

God, you have called us to be pilgrims.

**Forgive us when we weary of the journey**

**And seek security**

**Rather than the open road.**

Forgive us when we feel the risk of the journey is too great.

**Grant us pilgrim spirits in this Lenten season**

And lead us to the new life of Easter.

**Amen.**

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 13:1-9

Word for all Ages

Hymn “Soil of God, You and I” (*More Voices 174*)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Anthem “Son of God, Son of Man” –*Jay Althouse*

Reflection

## Thanksgiving

A Time of Musical Reflection and Thanksgiving

“Come Let Us Worship” -Dave Doherty arr. Mark Hayes

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

## Communion

May God be with us.

**God is here among us.**

Let us open our hearts to God.

**We open them to God and to one another.**

Let us give thanks to God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We thank you, God, Creator of us all...

... in thanks and praise, we join your long procession of pilgrims  
praising you along the way:

**More Voices 203:**

**O holy, holy holy God, O God of time and space.**

**All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.**

**Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

We gather at this table to remember...

... we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**More Voices 204:**

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us...

... we entrust to you all our prayers, hopes, longings, and pain, as we  
sing:

**More Voices 205:**

**Amen, amen, O Holy One!**

**Hosanna and Amen!**

**Amen, amen, O Holy One, Hosanna and Amen!**

We gather these and all our prayers,

Turning to you in prayer:

**Our Mother-Father, in whom is heaven,  
May your name be made holy,  
May your dominion come,  
May your will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today the bread we need;  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we have forgiven our debtors;  
And do not put us to the test,  
But rescue us from evil.  
For yours is the dominion, and the power, and the glory forever.  
Amen.**

Sharing the Bread and the Cup

Hymn: "All Who Hunger" (*VU 460*)

Eternal and gracious One...  
... in faith, in hope, and in love.  
Amen.

## **Sending Forth**

Hymn "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery" (*Voices United 121*)

Blessing

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

Postlude "Morning Bell" – J.F. Burgmuller

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

*Joshua 5:9-12; Psalm 32;  
11 Corinthians 5:16-21; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*

## **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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**Walk and Talk** The Walk and Talk program will be held on Wednesdays and Fridays from 9:30am – 11am. The program consists of a 30-minute walk, at each participant's comfortable pace, 30 minutes of a validated falls prevention exercises program and 30 minutes of socialization or health education. The two main objectives of the program are falls prevention and combating social isolation and loneliness. There is no fee to participate and the program is open to anyone in the church or the wider community. Registration will occur following worship on March 24 in the Board room. For more information, call Pat Totton 250-768-0791.

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED**  
**MARCH 24-31, 2019**

<b>Today</b>	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall
	11:30AM Walk and Talk registration: 12
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
<b>Monday</b>	6:30PM Board Meeting: 14
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit: 14
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00AM Walk and Talk: 14
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
<b>Friday</b>	9:00AM Walk and Talk: 14
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