

First United Church

5th Sunday in Lent

April 7, 2019

Worship Leaders Sharon Wilson, Cheryl Perry
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Shelley Adamson, Roy Buckler, Marian Hamilton
Ushers..... Linda Gilmour, Karen Hawkey, Bobbie Tough
Sound System..... Kim Ducs
Projectionist Benita Worley
Coffee Hour Brenda and Greg Maier
Minute Person.....

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 Bethany-Newton United church in Surrey.

Offering Counters Today -Lyn Brown, Linda Gilmour, Irene Pett.

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

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 your 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

We come into the presence of the one whose love for us knows no limit.

We come to discover the fires of that same love deep within us.

Unleash your passion for the one who has transformed you.

We are here to worship with joy and energy!

Hymn "Love Us Into Fullness" (*More Voices 81 vs. 1-3, 1*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

In the face of God's boundless love for us,

We weigh the price of faithfulness.

We cling to social conventions that stifle our love.

We worry more about the reactions of others rather than the cries of our own hearts.

Too many times, loving, patient, gracious God, we have met your love with polite silence.

Forgive us for our discomfort with the deep emotions you trigger.

Give us confidence to set free our passion for your ways: the love and mercy that makes life itself worth living.

For all the times we have done what was expected of us and denied the truth you give us at the very core of our being, forgive us.

Holy One, you know us inside and out. Cradle our broken spirits. Love us as only you can. 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!**

The Peace

Word

Word for all Ages

Hymn “A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar”

(Voices United 590 tune VU 333)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “Prayer of St. Francis” – *Nygard*

John 12:1-8 (Ernie Park)

Reflection

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

“He Leadeth Me” -arr. Mark Hayes

Minute for Mission (Shirley Piedt)

Thanksgiving

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 Dedication

We give these gifts as Mary did. We let them speak loudly the love in our hearts. Bless them, and us, as signs of our passion for you, O God. We give them without hesitation, counting only the joy and love of faith that renews and energizes us day by day. Amen.

Prayer of Intercession

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

Sending Forth

Hymn "When Mary Poured a Rich Perfume"

(Carolyn Winfrey Gillette tune VU 123)

Blessing

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

Postlude "Prelude in C sharp minor" -S. Heller

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;

Luke 19:28-40

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*)
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Holy Week services

Maundy Thursday, April 18, 6-7:30pm in the Hall and Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 19, 10:00am at St. Paul's United

Easter Sunday, April 21, 7:00am in the courtyard (this replaces the usual "early 8:30am service) and 10:00am in the sanctuary.

Walk and Talk April 17 The "Talk" portion of this session will be a presentation by Pauly Ferweda on a culinary herb garden that can be grown on your patio. 9:30am to 11:00am in Room 14.

MacKenzie Camp Quilt Auction Sealed bids will be received from April 1 – 28 on a beautiful handmade quilt. Funds will go to MacKenzie Camp for roof repairs. A box will be available on Sundays and at the volunteer desk during office hours. The quilt is displayed by the Welcome Table. The person with the winning bid will be contacted by May 1.

"Us and Them" Documentary Film Screening Join us Sunday April 28 @ 2pm in the hall for the film "Us and Them". The filmmaker follows four individuals over a decade who live on the streets in Victoria, and struggle with homelessness and addiction. We present the film along with other faith groups and community partners in support of the Journey Home Strategy to end homelessness in Kelowna. Contact Shirley for more information 250 764-3073.

Big Sale in the Thrift Shop Each item is twenty-five cents for the month of April.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED	
APRIL 7-14, 2019	

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Coffee Hour: Hall
	11:15AM Affirm meeting: 14
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
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	9:30AM Walk and Talk: 14
	2:00PM Stewardship: 12
Thursday	8:00AM Men's Group: 14
	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearsal: Sanctuary
Friday	9:30AM Walk and Talk: 14
	6:00PM "Escape Rooms" Fun Friday at First: Hall
Saturday	
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
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