

First United Church

5th Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

Worship Leaders Frances Kitson, Cheryl Perry
Music Frances Chiasson, Coastal Sound Children's and Youth Choirs
Greeters Joyce Arndt, Shaun Ferguson, Bev Milton
Ushers.....Maggie Craig, Alyssa Campbell, Joan Grahl
Sound System..... Deanna Peck
Projectionist Benita Worley
Coffee Hour Catherine Doherty, Anne Studer
Minute Person.....Elvis Presley

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 shared Anglican-United congregation in Robson Valley.

Offering Counters Today – Audrey Beal, Lyn Brown, 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Ringing of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

Introit "Jesus Is Alive Today" (*traditional, Sunshine Songbook*)

**Jesus is alive today. Jesus is alive today.
Jesus is alive today, oh praise his name!
Jesus is alive today. Jesus is alive today.
Jesus is alive today, oh praise his name!**

Call to Worship

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

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

God of life, God of healing, God who satisfies our deepest thirst:

We know a thirst that only you can quench,

But so often we turn to anything *but* you.

We run from our longing for you,

Afraid to draw near,

Afraid to know you,

Afraid to be loved by you.

Give us courage to follow our thirst,

And forgive us the many times we turn to other wells.

Amen.

Words of Hope

Sung response "Joy Comes with the Dawn" (*Voices United 166*)

Joy comes with the dawn;

Joy comes with the morning sun;

Joy springs from the tomb and scatters the night with her song,

Joy comes with the dawn.

The Peace

Word

Word for all Ages

Hymn "We Are Pilgrims" (*Voices United 595*)

Anthem "Stand Together" -Jim Papoulis

Children leave for Sunday school

John 4:1-30

Reflection

Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

"Take Me to the Water"-Rollo Dilworth

Offertory "What Can I Do?" (*More Voices 191*)

What can I do? What can I bring?

What can I say? What can I sing?

I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.

I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayer of Dedication

Prayer of Intercession

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

Sending Forth

Hymn "River" (*More Voices 3*)

Blessing

Commissioning "Halle, Halle, Halle" (*Voices United 958*)

Postlude "What a Wonderful World"-Louis Armstrong

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67;

Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5; John 14:23-29

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*)

Office Hours: 9:00 AM – **2:00 PM** Monday – Thursday, Fridays 9:00 AM-**1:00 PM**

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Big book sale for El Salvador This fundraiser for our scholarship program in our sister community of El Triunfo will be held on Saturday, May 25 from 9 – noon in the church hall. We have three Big Book Sales per year to raise money towards this program and are looking for donations of **newer soft cover books** – please no hardcover books. We also need helpers the morning of the sale and to set up on Friday at 1pm. To donate or to volunteer please call Pat McPhee at (250) 869-4839. Muchas gracias.

Transferring Your Membership If you have come from another United Church congregation and would like to transfer your membership to First, our next Transfer of Membership Sunday will happen in June. Membership transfer must be requested between churches and can take a few weeks, so please contact the Church Office as soon as possible by phoning Tanya Pritchard our Office Administrator at 250-762-3311. You are also encouraged to consider attending the Membership Exploration Group—a great way to get to know others new to the congregation and your ministers! (*see separate notice*)

Membership Exploration Group Are you new to the United Church of Canada or new to our congregation? Perhaps you are curious about what makes this denomination distinct, and what it has in common with others? Would you like to become a member (by Baptism or Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vow/Confirmation), or are you seeking baptism for your child? Please join Frances Kitson and Cheryl Perry, in an informal setting to explore your questions. The group will meet over two Wednesdays (May 22 & June 5 from 6:30-8:30PM) and for a final session on Saturday June 8, 9:00AM-12:00. For more information or to register call the office 250-762-3311.

Needed for our emergency food cupboard We are currently looking for donations of chicken noodle soup, rice, canned meat and fish, oatmeal and toilet paper. Thank you for supporting First's Outreach program.

Walk and Talk guest speaker Kim Ducs will answer pharmaceutical questions at Walk and Talk on Friday, May 24 at 9:30am. All are welcome.

Murder Mystery Dinner May 25 at 5pm. Tickets are on sale at coffee hour after church or from the Church Office. \$20/adults, \$10/kids, family max \$60.

Alternative Transportation Sunday is NEXT Sunday, May 26. Everyone is encouraged to walk, bike, bus or car pool to church next Sunday. And Kids are encouraged to bring their bikes for a rally in the parking lot. Hot dogs served for the children after the rally.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED	
MAY 19-26, 2019	

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments: Hall
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	6:30PM Board meeting: 14
Wednesday	9:30AM Walk and Talk: 14
	1:30PM Games Afternoon: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearsal: Sanctuary

Friday	9:30AM Walk and Talk: 14
Saturday	9:00AM El Triunfo Book sale
	5:00PM Murder Mystery Fun Friday at First
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship followed by refreshments: Sanct./Hall
	10:00AM Alternative Transportation Sunday
	12:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry