

# First United Church

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4th Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2019

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Worship Leader .....	Frances Kitson
Music .....	Frances Chiasson
Greeters .....	Nina Anderson, Beryl Norman, Edna Rennie
Ushers.....	Linda Gilmour, Ken Ottoson, Bobbie Tough
Sound System.....	Luke Campbell
Projectionist .....	
Coffee Hour .....	Joan Grahl, Terry Welsh

**Welcome Table in the hall after worship** - Information about activities and services we offer at First United.

**Prayer Cycle** - This Sunday, in the annual rotation, we join with other churches to pray for the congregation of Cloverdale United in Cloverdale.

**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.

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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.

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# Gathering

Prelude

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

Introit "Dance With the Spirit" (*More Voices 156*)

**Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a bornin'  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.  
Move with the Spirit early in the mornin',  
Walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.  
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',  
Listen to the Spirit to show you the way.**

Call to Worship (responsive) (from Isaiah 43)

Behold, God is doing a new thing.

**Here. Now.**

**In the midst of daily life.**

The Holy One who created heaven and earth  
forms us afresh today.

**Let our spirits rise to greet our Maker. Amen.**

Hymn "Jesus Christ is Waiting" (*Voices United 117*)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

One: God of change, God of challenge,

**All: You call us forth to new places and new ways.**

One: So often we prefer to stay where it is safe and comfortable,

**All: So often we prefer the known to the unknown.**

One: Sometimes we need to pack one more thing, just in case,

**All: Sometimes we clutch our maps too tightly, wanting to  
stay on familiar paths.**

One: Blow through us, Spirit, and give us courage to risk,

**All: Ears to hear,**

One: Strength from each other,  
**All: And rejoicing on the path.**

Words of Hope

Sung response "Spirit God, Be Our Breath" (*More Voices 150, vs. 4*)

**Spirit God: be our breath, be our song.**

**Blow through us, bringing strength to move on.**

**Through change, through challenge, we'll greet the new dawn.**

**Spirit God, be our song.**

The Peace

## Word

Word for all Ages

Hymn "You Are Holy" (*More Voices 45*)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 (Alyssa Campbell)

Reflection

## Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

"We Are An Offering" – Dwight Liles, Arr. Mark Hayes

Offertory "Though I May Speak" (*Voices United 372, vs. 2 & 3*)

**Though I may give all I possess,**

**And striving so my love profess,**

**But not be given by love within,**

**The profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,**

**Our spirits long to be made whole.**

**Let inward love guide every deed;**

**By this we worship and are freed.**

## Prayer of Dedication

Bountiful God, you pour out into our lives blessing upon blessing.  
In thanksgiving, we offer a portion of that which has been given  
unto us.

Bless these gifts and infuse them with your Spirit,  
That they may be used for your purposes of justice, mercy, and  
love.

## Prayer of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

## Sending Forth

Hymn "Lord, You Give the Great Commission" (*Voices United 512*)

Blessing

Commissioning "God the Spirit Dwells Within Us"

*(Voices United 16, Pentecost verse)*

**God the Spirit dwells within us, glory, hallelujah! (repeat)**

**God the Spirit with us, glory, hallelujah! (repeat)**

Postlude "Fantasia in G minor" – G.P. Telemann

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

*Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 25:1-10; 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14;*

*Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37*

**The food cupboard for our Tuesday/Thursday crowd is bare.** Please consider bringing a case of soup or macaroni and cheese. Everything helps and is very appreciated!

**The Thrift Store is now closed for the summer.** Please keep your donations at home until the fall when they re-open Tuesday, September 3.

**Save the Date** - our Fall Women's Retreat is being held on October 18, 19, 20. We are returning to Naramata. Mark your Calendars and watch for more information.

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED</b> <b>JULY 7-14, 2019</b>
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<b>Today</b>	8:30AM	Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM	Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Refreshments: Hall
<b>Monday</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>		
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM	Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
<b>Friday</b>		<i>Office now closed on Fridays in the summer</i>
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