

First United Church

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 28, 2019

Worship Leader	Frances Kitson
Music	Frances Chiasson
Greeters	Sue Sullivan, Marlene Spicer, Helen Verekosky
Ushers.....	Bob Gunn, Linda Gunn, John Whitehead
Sound System.....	Kim Ducs
Projectionist	Benita Worley
Coffee Hour	Mairi Forsyth, Linda Munce

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 Texada Island.

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.

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 "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)

This is the day our God has made!

We shall rejoice and be glad!

This is our day:

a day of rest

a day of hope

a day of peace and happiness.

This is the day the Lord has made:

a day to sing

a day to praise

a day to become one in the Spirit.

This is the day the Lord has made.

This is my day.

This is your day.

This is our day.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn "Joyful, Joyful We Adore You" (Voices United 232)

Prayer of Reconciliation (responsive)

Tender and mighty God, hear our prayer.

You teach us to pray, but we don't know where to start.

We worry about praying correctly,

We struggle to find the time,

We are afraid you aren't listening,

We are afraid to bother you.

Mother and father of us all, we need you so deeply.

Give us courage,

Give us trust,

Give us faith.

Amen.

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

Baptism - Adelaide and Lochlan Hogan

Hymn "This Little Light of Mine"

Children leave for Sunday school

Luke 11:1-13 (Carol Drury)

Reflection

Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

“Open” – by Lonnie Delisle

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

Prayer of Intercession

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

Sending Forth

Hymn “You Shall Go Out With Joy” (*Voices United 884*)

Farewell and Blessing of Frances Kitson

Blessing

Commissioning “God the Spirit Dwells Within Us”

(Voices United 167, Pentecost verse)

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

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

Postlude “Go Now In Peace” – Don Besig and Nancy Price

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 85; Psalm 107:1-9, 43;

Colossians 3:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

Frances Kitson's last service with us is TODAY! Please plan to stay for cake in the hall after worship to celebrate her time with us.

Summer staff notes: Cheryl Perry returns from vacation on Thursday, August 8. Vivian Dunne is in the office for August but we are closed on Fridays until September. Sharon Wilson will preside over the 8:30am and 10:00am services in August. (see Walk and Worship announcement.)

Vacation Adventure runs from August 19-23, 9:00am – 1:00pm and will be held at Camp Dunlop, 5325 Lakeshore Road. See brochures in the hall and register through the office.



For our morning 8:30 am services during the month of August come and join us for a short walk in our neighbourhood to learn more about the homes, businesses, community places and trees that testify to the courageous faith of the people who founded First United. We'll gather in the parking lot to begin our walks

at 8:30 am and will follow with a brief intergenerational worship. Please bring your lawn chairs. We will be worshipping in the courtyard and led by Sharon Wilson. **Then our 10:00am worship service** will happen in the Sanctuary as usual, also with Sharon Wilson presiding.

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!

Retreat facilitators announced - our Fall Women's Retreat is being held on October 18-20, 2019. We are returning to the Naramata Centre for the location of the retreat. Our facilitator will be Ivy Thomas and our music facilitator will be Frances Chiasson. Watch for the brochure to sign up and join us in October.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED JULY 28 - AUGUST 4, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments & Cake: Hall
Monday	
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Wednesday	
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Friday	<i>Office now closed on Fridays in the summer</i>
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