

First United Church

9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019

Worship Leader Cheryl Perry, Rev. Dr. Sharon Wilson
Music Esther Goertz
Greeters Beryl Itani, Hugh Pett, Irene Pett
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Karen Hawkey, Marlene Spicer
Sound System..... Deanna Peck
Projectionist Benita Worley
Coffee Hour Bobby Tough, Duncan Tough

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 Long Beach, Tofino.

Offering Counters Today – David Bertetic, Linda Munce, Kathleen Smith.

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

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)

Welcome to worship this morning.

We come even though we haven't seen God face to face.

We come even when what we believe can't be proven.

**We come because we trust in a promise that we are loved,
forgiven and called.**

We come because, deep in our souls like a divine GPS, we are drawn here...to this place of community.

**We are here with our faith, our trust and our hope to fuel our
spirits for another week!**

Hymn "Let Us Build a House" (*More Voices 1*)

Prayer of Reconciliation

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

Luke 12:32-40

Word for all Ages

Hymn "Faith of Our Fathers" (Voices United 580)

Children leave for Sunday school

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (Ben Seethaler)

Reflection

Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

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 "For the Faithful Who Have Answered" (Voices United 707)

Blessing

Commissioning "Make Me a Servant"

(Kelly Willard)

**Make me a servant,
Humble and meek.
Lord let me lift up,
Those who are weak.
And may the prayer
Of my heart always be
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

Postlude

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

*Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19;
Hebrew 11:29—12:2; Luke 12:49-56*

Summer staff notes: Frances Chiasson is away for holidays and she will return Sunday, August 25. Please welcome Esther Goertz as our guest musician in Frances' place. Jessica Crawford, our accompanist returns in September! Sharon Wilson is presiding 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 service on August 11 we will meet at Bernard Avenue and Water Street. Then our 10:00am worship service will happen in the Sanctuary as usual.

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 AUGUST 11 - 18, 2019

Today	8:30AM	Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM	Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Refreshments: 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 closed on Fridays in the summer</i>
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