

First United Church

4th Sunday of Creation

September 22, 2019

Worship Leaders Heather Burton, John Burton, Cheryl Perry
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Liz Basisty, Ted Basisty, Marian Hamilton
Ushers..... Liz Basisty, Ted Basisty, Skip Kozuska
Sound System.....Kim Ducs
Projectionist Benita Worley
Coffee Hour Brenda Maier, Greg Maier

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

Sunday School Teachers - Rachel Anweiler, Leslie Atwell, Caitlyn Bertetic, Tanya Burke, Cheryl Perry, Moira Pritchard, Suki Vernet.

Infant and Toddler care – Our infant and toddler care (nursery) room is available for your use with children who do not wish to remain in the service.

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday, in the annual rotation, we join with other churches to pray for Gordon United Church in Victoria.

Offering Counters Today –David Bertetic, Maggie Craig, Linda Munce.

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 "Greet the Dawn with Joy" (*Sunshine 14, x2, Keri Wehlander*)

Greet the dawn with joy, this day's a gift for you.

Watch for signs of hope, for each day is made new.

As a lake reflects the sky above,

so you are mirrors of God's love.

Greet today with faith, for God delights in you.

Introduction to the Season of Creation

Call to Worship (responsive)

We come to worship today seeking many things.

We are seeking peace and healing.

We are seeking authentic relationship

with God and with each other,

We are seeking nourishment for body and soul.

We come in trust that God will give us what we need; food for our deepest hunger.

Hymn "It's a Song of Praise to the Maker" (More Voices 30)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

God, raise our expectations as we gather today.

Do not leave us content to settle for a feel-good moment.

Challenge us to seek an encounter

with the Spirit of Wisdom

so that we may be a transformed and transforming people. Amen.

Words of Hope

Sung response "Song to the Spirit" (*Seasons Vol 1, vs. 3*)

**Spirit of love, larger than law, quick to forgive,
keeping no score,
Come from within, come make us one,
Come and renew the face of the earth, face of the earth.**

The Peace

Word

Word for all Ages “The Story of the Lorax”

Hymn “Soil of God, You and I” (More Voices 174)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “As I Went Down to the River to Pray” -trad. arr. M. Noia

Jeremiah 1:4-10 & Isaiah 58:9-14 (Gillian Hogan)

Reflection “A little prophet shall lead them”

Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

“Suite III Prelude” –J.S. Bach

Offertory “God, Whose Farm is All Creation” (*Voices United 300, vs. 1*)

**God, whose farm is all creation, take the gratitude we give;
Take the finest of our harvest, crops we grow that all may live.**

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these
gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our
deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including
our fellow creatures on planet Earth. With all creation, we
pray. AMEN.**

Prayer of Intercession (Gillian Hogan)

The Lord’s Prayer (Voices United 921)

Sending Forth

Hymn “Three Things I Promise” (More Voices 176)

Blessing

Commissioning “As We Now Go” (Seasons Vol 6, *Stephen Fischbacher*)

**As we go now from this moment,
as we leave behind our time together.**

**May we walk with one another,
may we help each other on the way.**

**As we go now from this moment,
as we go into the future together.**

**May we treasure one another,
may we realize how precious we are.**

May we realize how precious we are.

May we realize how precious we are.

Postlude “O God Beyond All Praising” -G. Holst, arr. M. Hayes

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15; Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16;

1 Timothy 6:6-19; Luke 16:19-31



It’s Ch-ch-chicken time again! The Alleluia Ringers fall sale of Colonial farms chicken is coming up! Orders are due by Sunday, September 29, and pick up day is Saturday, October 5 between 7:00 and 8:30 a.m. Please speak to any member of the bell choir if you wish to place an order. Thank you!

First United Women's Group The first gathering of women for this season will be Friday, September 27 for an evening of group cooking and great company. Contact Tanya Burke at tl_burke@hotmail.com for details. In the past this group has participated in events like bowling, EXIT room, arts/crafts and volunteering opportunities around the community. They meet on the last Friday of the month for something different every time. Speak to Suki Vernet, Frances Chiasson or Leslie Atwell if you have questions.

First United needs your help! The 2020 Stewardship Campaign launches Sunday, October 6. Watch for it!

Free Wool There is some wool being kept in the narthex for anyone who would like to use it for a project!

United Church Picnic Sept 29 After the 10:00 service there will be a potluck picnic with the 5 United Churches in our area. The food will be served when all the churches arrive, around 11:45. It will be at the Mission Creek Park at 2363 Springfield Road at the intersection of Springfield & Durnin Roads at the central field by the EECO Centre. Bring a lawn chair (and extra if you have one), your own dishes and cutlery and some food to share. Come meet new friends from St. Paul's, Rutland, Westbank and Winfield United.

Fall Needs for the Food Cupboard

Items especially needed this month include oatmeal, canned fish or meat, rice, cream of mushroom soup, canned vegetables, school snacks (granola bars, apple sauce cups).

Walk & Talk Walk and Talk is held at the church, on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 9:30 to 11. You can register at the Pastoral Care table, following the service today. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED
SEPTEMBER 22 - 29, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:30AM Sunday school pizza party: 14
	11:30AM Youth Group: 26
	2:30PM Board meeting: 14
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit – coffee time: 14
Wednesday	9:00AM Walk & Talk: 14
	1:30PM Games Afternoon: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	9:00AM Walk & Talk: 14
	Women’s Group “Cooking & Company”
Saturday	
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship:14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall (Chicken orders due!)
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry