

# First United Church

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Creation

September 29, 2019

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Worship Leaders ..... Margaret Newbury Jones, Cheryl Perry  
Music ..... Alleluia Ringers, Alleluia Singers, Nikki Attwell,  
..... Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford  
Greeters ..... Betty Ivans, Irene Morrison, Marlene Spicer  
Ushers..... Liz Basisty, Ted Basisty, Mel Sparrow  
Sound System..... Carl Stef  
Projectionist ..... Benita Worley  
Coffee Hour ..... Gerry Hewitt, Judy Valks  
Minute Person..... Mairi Forsyth

**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 Grasmere United Church in Fernie.

**Offering Counters Today** –Audrey Beal, Myrna MacKenzie, 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.

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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, Minute Person

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)

O God your greatness is seen in all the world

**In thunderstorms and wild lightning,**

**Nimbus, cumulus and stratus clouds**

**that bring us rain and snow and shade.**

O God your greatness is seen in all the world

**in deep ocean currents that circle in the Pacific Ocean,  
swirling waters that warm the Atlantic.**

**In wild winds that stir the seas,**

**And soft breezes that carry the pollen.**

O God your greatness is seen in all the world

**in every layer of moisture and air,  
from ground level to the ozone heights--**

**in the atmosphere that envelopes us,**

**Nitrogen, argon and CO<sub>2</sub>,**

**the oxygen we breathe**

O God your greatness is seen in all the world

**In the ecosystems of nature**

**connecting us with diverse climates**

**that nourish and sustain all life on Earth.**

When we look at the sky, which you have made,  
at the moon and the stars, which you set in their places—  
We wonder what you think of us, mere mortals, and why you  
care for us.

Yet you do. You still do.

And we are filled with praise and wonder!

Hymn “Called by Earth and Sky” (More Voices 135)

Prayer of Reconciliation

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

Hymn “I Am a Child of God” (More Voices 157)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Anthem “Hope for the World” -Jacob Narverud

Luke 16:19-31

Reflection

## Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

“Joy” -arr. Donald E. Allured

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)

**Reshape us, Surprising Spirit, until generosity in faith and in expectation proclaims us passionate followers of the Way of Jesus. May you bless what we give for radical discipleship, working in us—and despite us—to let your kingdom come. Amen.**

Prayer of Intercession

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

## Sending Forth

Hymn “My Soul Cries Out” (*More Voices 120*)

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.  
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Postlude “Celebration” -Robert J. Hughes

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

*Lamentations 1:1-6; Psalm 137;  
II Timothy 1:1-14; Luke 17:5-10*



**Get your Ch-ch-chicken!** Orders for the Alleluia Ringers fall sale of Colonial farms chicken are due **TODAY** and pick up day is Saturday, October 5 between 7:00 and 8:30am. Please speak to any member of the bell choir if you wish to place an order. Thank you!

**LOCATION CHANGE - United Church Picnic TODAY** After the 10:00am service with the 5 United Churches in our area. Due to a dismal weather forecast, the gathering will now be in the hall of First United. Come meet new friends from St. Paul's, Rutland, Westbank and Winfield United.

**First United needs your help!** The 2020 Stewardship Campaign launches next Sunday. Pick up your package (which includes your interim income tax statement) at that time.

**Free Wool** There is some wool being kept in the narthex for anyone who would like some.

**Thank you** to everyone who helped with our Big Book Sale fundraiser for El Salvador. We raised \$410 towards the 2020 scholarship program in our sister community of El Triunfo.

**The Fair Trade Table** will be selling products on Oct. 13 (Thanksgiving) instead of Oct. 6. We have Palestinian olive oil, soap & Za'tar spices; PEACE chocolate bars, and Fair Trade coffee and tea for sale.

### **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. A speaker is coming on Wednesday morning, October 2, and he will be talking about Estate Planning with slide presentation and hand-outs. Everyone welcome.

**Adopt a Road Clean-UP** First United is part of the City of Kelowna program to help clean our roads beautiful and our stretch is Guisachan Road east of the Chevron Station at Gordon Drive. If you would like to participate, meet in the parking lot of the Chevron at 10:30am on Saturday October 5. Visibility vests, signage, garbage bags and gloves are provided.

**Affirm International Potluck and Welcome Bob** Save the date and plan to meet Bob Wallace, our new supply minister on Saturday October 5 at 5pm in the hall. Bring a potluck dish to share that hails from your heritage.

<b>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED</b> <b>SEPTEMBER 29 – OCTOBER 6, 2019</b>
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<b>Today</b>	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:45AM All Church picnic: Location Changed to First United church hall
	12:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
<b>Monday</b>	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:00AM Walk & Talk: 14
	11:00AM Pastoral Care: 12
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	4:00PM Outreach Core Ministry: 14
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	9:00AM Walk & Talk: 14
<b>Saturday</b>	10:30AM Adopt a Road and lunch: Guisachan
	5:00PM Affirm potluck "Welcome Bob": Kitchen/Hall
<b>Next Sunday</b>	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearsal: Belfry