

First United Church

19th Sunday after Pentecost

October 20, 2019

Worship Leader..... Bob Wallace
Music Alleluia Singers, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Lorainne McLarty, Bobbie Tough
Ushers..... Alyssa Campbell, Joan Grahl, Skip Kozuska
Sound System..... Carl Stef
Projectionist Benita Worley
Sunday school Teachers Leslie Atwell, Caitlyn Bertetic,
..... Arata Campbell, Brock Campbell, Gerry Hewitt, Beryl Itani,
..... Moira Pritchard, Suki Vernet
Coffee Hour Heather MacDonald
Offering Counters Audrey Beal, Ron Green, Kathleen Smith
Minute Person..... Lorraine McLarty, Stewardship

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

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.

Peace & Justice Table in the hall after worship - Environmental issues, urgent actions & Fair-Trade items.

Food Share Containers in the hall - for non-perishable food & hygiene items.

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

Healing Ministry - Please contact Judy at 250-862-0712 for appointment.

Gathering

Prelude

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements, Minute Persons

Introit "Slow Me Down" (*Spirit Anew* 67)

Slow me down, still my restless mind.

Quell my fears, quench my thirsty soul.

Fill me with your love, God of truth, God of love.

Call to Worship (responsive)

We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

Hymn "Called by Earth and Sky" (*More Voices* 135)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

Your words are given to us, Author of Life, so we might be reformed, but we are intent on changing others.

Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed, but we are focused on conforming to our culture.

Your words are spoken to lead us into new life, but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.

Forgive us, God of Wonder. Do not remember our sins but continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith, even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Words of Hope (responsive)

Jesus reminds us that we are to be resolute in our lives of faithfulness and service. The good news is that God is steadfast in filling us with love and grace.

We are forgiven people. May we live as sisters and brothers in Christ, God's children in word and deed, in hope and joy. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Sung response "How Deep the Peace" (*More Voices 95*)

**How deep the peace, the confidence
Of those whose wrongs are forgiven.
How deep the peace, the confidence,
Of those whose hearts are healed. (2x)**

Passing the Peace

Word

Word for All Ages

Hymn "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (Voices United 575)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem "We All Belong to God" -Judith Snowdon

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5 & Luke 18:1-8 (Robyn Springer)

Reflection

Hymn "Teach Me, God, to Wonder" (Voices United 299)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Robyn Springer)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection

“I Surrender All” –arr. Greg Howlett

Offertory “When We Are Living” (*Voices United 581, vs. 2*)

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.

Good works of service are for offering.

When we are giving or when receiving, we belong to God,

We belong to God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, you bless us with abundance beyond our imagining. As you have shared with us, we share our gifts with you and with your creation, so that all may know of your bounty and love. May what we offer become instruments of your grace in our world. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn “Oh a Song Must Rise” (More Voices 142)

Commissioning

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

We go, to love and serve in the name of Christ. Amen.

Sung Response “Benediction” (Spirit Anew 157)

As we leave this place of worship,

And we go our separate ways,

May the God who goes before us,

Guide in all our coming days.

Let us now go forth in service,

Serving ev’ry creed and race;

In the spirit of true giving,

Living peace and grace.

Postlude “Sonatina in C Major, 1st movement” –M. Clementi

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Joel 2:23-32; Psalm 65;

II Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18; Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Bob Wallace at Walk and Talk Plan to attend this small group encounter with Bob at 10:30 in room 14. He will be sharing his personal story on Wednesday October 23.

Wild Church is coming to Kelowna! Saturday, October 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Munson Pond Park – 2855 Burtch Road (enter from Munson Road)

If you long to connect your spirit with the Great Mystery, Creator, Source, or whatever name you give to that which is greater than we are, come join us at this initial gathering here in Kelowna. Reverend LeAnn Blackert from Kamloops will be facilitating this first experience of Wild Church in Kelowna.

Board Secretary The Board of First United Church is in need of a Secretary. If you enjoy taking minutes and would like to be a part of an active working group of volunteers please consider this very worthwhile job. The Board meets on the last Monday of the month. Please consider this. If you have any questions see Beryl Itani. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Deanna Peck for her service to the Board as Secretary.

Can you help us fill the cart? You will notice a shopping cart in the Hall during coffee hour. All through this month we are encouraging you to help us fill the cart with non-perishable things for our Food Shelf. Bring a can or two to church each Sunday! Or buy a case of something on sale! We hope to fill the cart before October 31.

Help with Lasagna Dinner (May 2, 2020) – We were delighted with the individual offers of help for the dinner next year. Thank you for offering your support! We still need 3 or 4 people to step up to offer help and ideas as part of the Organization Committee. We especially need help and ideas for securing items for the silent auction and the live auction. Contact Myrna Mackenzie – 250-860-1921 or Email: bobmyrnaholman@gmail.com Myrna Mackenzie and Ann Studer will be at coffee hour after church. They'd love to chat with you.

Contact for Rev. Bob Wallace Please note the following contact information for Rev. Bob Wallace; home number is 250-764-3759. His cell phone number is long distance but also an option: 403-382-0838. And you can email Bob at revbobw@telus.net.

Winfield United Church's annual 'JINGLE BELL BAZAAR' is being held on Saturday, November 2, from 11:00am to 1:30pm at the Winfield United Church, 3751 Woodsdale Road, Winfield. Home Baking, Christmas Boutique, Sewing, Knitting, Preserves, Produce, Plants and Lots More! Thrift Shop open with daily specials - Christmas decorations, books and toys for sale.

PLEASE COME FOR LUNCH! Home made soups, open face buns and dessert.

<p>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED OCTOBER 20 - 27, 2019</p>

Today	8:30AM	Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM	Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Refreshments: Hall
	11:15AM	Craft fair crafting: 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
	7:00PM	Adult Study: 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
	4:30PM	Fall Fun Friday: Father Pandosy Mission
	7:00PM	Women's Group - Bollywood Dancing: 26
Saturday	9:00AM	Crop 'Till You Drop: 12, 14, Hall, Kitchen
Next Sunday	8:30AM	Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM	Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM	Refreshments: Hall
	12:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
	2:30PM	Craft Fair crafting for children: 14