

First United Church

20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 2019

Worship Leaders..... Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
Music Alleluia Ringers, Alleluia Singers, Nikki Attwell,
..... Stephen Buck (clarinet), Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters MacKenzie Pruden, Marlene Pruden
Ushers..... Maggie Craig, Liz Basisty, Ted Basisty
Sound System..... Deanna Peck
Projectionist Benita Worley
Sunday school Teachers Leslie Atwell, Caitlyn Bertetic,
..... Arata Campbell, Brock Campbell, Gerry Hewitt, Beryl Itani,
..... Moira Pritchard, Suki Vernet
Coffee Hour Myrna MacKenzie, Anne Studer
Offering Counters David Bertetic, Maggie Craig, Linda Gilmour
Minute Person Stewardship

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

Infant and Toddler care - Parents are welcome to keep infants with them during the service. As well, every Sunday care for infants and toddlers is available in Room 13 beginning 10 minutes before the start of the service. When children leave for Sunday School part-way through the service, preschoolers join these children for a preschool program that includes Bible stories, crafts, snack and play time.

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 Kamloops United Church.

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)

This is the day the Lord has made:
**a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:
**a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:
**a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.**

Hymn "Come, Let Us Sing" (Voices United 222)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

Watching God, like the Pharisee, we think we can stick our thumbs into life, pull out a prayer, and congratulate ourselves for being such good Christians. Then, we remember the harsh words we have spoken this week, the hurt we have inflicted on someone we loved, the lack of compassion we failed to offer to someone who needed our help.

Forgive us, God of Grace, and deal gently with us. May we become more like the tax collector - humble, penitent, acknowledging our faulty lives to you. Then, may we receive

the mercy promised to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. *We continue to pray, in silence... ..*

Words of Hope (responsive)

Forgiven and healed, we open ourselves to the grace, the peace, the hope offered to us through our loving God. This is the good news we have received!

Graced and blessed, we are able to live our lives for others, taking them by the hand to reach that finish line called the Kingdom. 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

Luke 18:9-14 (Mackenzie Pruden)

Word for All Ages

Hymn “Spirit Open My Heart” (*More Voices 79*)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “Peace Like a River” -Joel Raney

Joel 2:23-32 (Liz Basisty)

Reflection

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

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Liz Basisty)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection

"O God, All Praise to Thee" –Howard F. Starks

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)

If our lives, our love, our gifts are not shared with others, the words we offer in prayer and praise are hollow. So receive what we offer, Holy God, and bless them in the work of that kingdom which values the people we ridicule, lifts up those we have stepped over, and brings hope and healing to all. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" (Voices United 288)

Commissioning

Benediction

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

We go, in the name of the Risen 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 "A Celebration of Gratitude" –arr. Linda R. Lamb

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 1:10-18; Psalm 32:1-7

II Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12; Luke 19:1-10

Blethering Pastoral Care, at the request of our minister Bob Wallace, is arranging small informal neighbourhood visits for Bob to meet as many people possible in a short time. Bob's schedule is flexible. If you could host a small group in your home for a morning coffee, afternoon tea or early evening, please sign up at the Welcome Table or leave your name at the church office. Thank you.

Chancel Photos for Sunday Nov. 10 On November 10, as part of the Remembrance Day worship, we invite you to bring a picture (or other memory) of a relative who served (or is serving) in any of the military forces and place it at the front of the church before the service begins. You can pick the pictures up after the service.

Craft Fair Help Wanted It's just 3 short weeks until our annual Craft Sale on Nov. 16. We are still in need of: Soup and sandwiches for the kitchen, Kitchen help on the day and lots of baking for the Bake Sale. Come and see us in the Hall after the service if you can help. Thanks, Linda Munce.

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED OCTOBER 27 - NOVEMBER 3, 2019
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Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:30AM First UP! Meeting: 14
	12:30PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Wednesday	9:30AM Walk & Talk: 14
	6:30PM Board meeting: 13
	7:00PM Adult Study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	9:30AM Walk & Talk: 14
Saturday	
Next Sunday	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:15AM Stewardship Campaign appreciation lunch: Hall
	11:15AM Craft fair crafting: upstairs/12
	12:00PM Japanese United congregation worship: 14
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry