

First United Church

21st Sunday after Pentecost

November 3, 2019

Worship Leaders..... Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
Music Frances Chiasson
Greeters Shelley Adamson, Linda Munce
Ushers..... Linda Gilmour, Karen Hawkey, Bobbie Tough
Sound System..... Luke Campbell
Projectionist Benita Worley
Sunday school Teachers Leslie Atwell, Caitlyn Bertetic,
.....Arata Campbell, Brock Campbell, Gerry Hewitt, Beryl Itani,
..... Moira Pritchard, Suki Vernet
Coffee Hour Tanya Burke, Susanne Donkin
Offering Counters..... Lyn Brown, Linda Gilmour, Myrna MacKenzie

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 Knox United Church in Terrace.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

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 gather in awe

standing in the presence of the One who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

We gather in faith,

trusting that the One who has held little children now holds our lives in the heart of God.

We gather in need,

seeking the One who longs for justice to grace each and every person in creation.

Hymn "I Saw the Rich Ones" (*More Voices* 127)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

Surrounded by so many seductions, Patient God, we find it difficult to see you in our lives. Justice has a hard time surviving when there is so much persecution and affliction towards the little ones of the world.

Our neighborhoods, our families, even our churches, are filled with strife and contention.

We cry for help, Listening God; forgive us! As we wait for your grace to fill our lives, may we open our hearts to your hope and healing, always giving thanks for Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

We continue to pray, in silence... ..

Words of Hope (responsive)

Rich, poor; young, old; sinner, saint. We are all God's children, and God transforms each of us into the people we are meant to be.

Broken, we are mended; separated from others, we are made one; longing to serve, we are sent forth. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. 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

Memorial candle lighting

Hymn "Give Thanks for Life" (Voices United 706)

Children leave for Sunday school

Luke 19:1-10 (Joan Grahl)

Reflection

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

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Joan Grahl)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection

"Pie Jesu" –Mary Lynn Lightfoot

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 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (*Voices United 686*)

Commissioning

Benediction

Go now and live by faith. Patiently trust in God's promised future; live by God's teachings and let your love for one another increase. And may God give you grace and peace; May Christ Jesus make you worthy of his call; And may the Holy Spirit fulfil in you every good resolve and work of faith.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, 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 "I'll Fly Away" –Albert E. Brumley, arr. Mark Hayes

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Job 19:23-27a; Psalm 17:1-9

II Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

Check out the Peace and Justice table in the church hall after worship today. We have Fair Trade products for sale: coffee, tea, olive oil, olive oil soap and Za'atar. Along with Peace by Chocolate bars produced by new Canadians from Syria. All proceeds go to support scholarships for students in our sister communities.

Blethering You are invited to join our hosts and Rev. Bob Wallace for a casual gathering to get to know one another better. There are currently **7 Blethers** to choose from in the month of November. Please RSVP to the host directly, enjoy!

Monday, November 4, 2pm – Carol Postle –
21-1201 Cameron Ave. 250-869-1505

Friday, Nov. 8, 6pm – Joa Lazarus & George McKinney –
457 Poplar Point Drive 250-763-8023

Friday, Nov. 15, 10:30am - Lorraine Hladik –
215-3335 Richter Street 250-763-3142

Friday, Nov. 15, 7pm – Nikki Attwell and John Whitehead –
3426 Rosedale Court in West Kelowna 250-707-3375

Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2pm – Nancy Hillmer –
7550 Goudie Road in Joe Rich 250-765-8776

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2pm – Jean & Trent James –
933 Purcell Drive 250-763-6308

Friday, Nov. 29, 10am – Gerry Hewitt –
1505-1152 Sunset Drive 250-763-9040

Notice of congregational financial meeting There will be a brief meeting in the sanctuary following worship on November 10 to approve a financial statement engagement.

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 **2** 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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED NOVEMBER 3-10, 2019
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Today	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 congregation worship: 14
	3:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Wednesday	9:30AM	Walk & Talk: 14
	11:00AM	Pastoral Care meeting: 12
	7:00PM	Adult Study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM	Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	12:30PM	Worship core ministry meeting: 14
	4:00PM	Outreach core ministry meeting: 14
	7:00PM	Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	9:30AM	Walk & Talk: 14
Saturday	1:00PM	Memorial for Harold Magel
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