

First United Church

6th Sunday of Creation

October 6, 2019

Worship Leaders Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Drama participants..... Sunday school children
Communion servers..... Darlene Cockerill, Susanne Donkin, Marlene Spicer,
..... Islene Vernet, Suki Vernet, Murray White
Greeters Nikki Attwell, Ben Seethaler, Rudi Seethaler
Ushers..... Karen Hawkey, Bobbie Tough, John Whitehead
Sound System..... Carl Steff
Projectionist Luke Campbell
Coffee Hour Joan Grahl, Terry Welsh
Minute Person..... Beryl Itani & Mary Lapointe

About Today's Service – This morning's worship service is for all ages.

Childcare is provided in our Infant & Toddler care room for children who do not wish to remain in the service.

The Communion Table at First United Church is a welcoming and open space where all who wish to, may share the holy meal. Please join us.

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

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

Offering Counters Today – Ron Green, 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.

Gathering

Prelude

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements, Minute Persons

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)

God, who has created and is creating,

we praise you with the planets, moons and stars

nebula and nova,

molecules and micro-organisms

cells and strands of DNA—

All that we don't normally see with our eyes.

We give thanks for moments of wonder when we sense the

infinite, when we are reminded of our finiteness,

**when we grasp how small we are in the vastness of your
creation**

and yet sense your care for us.

In this nano-second we call 'now', in this nano-space we call
'here',

Make your presence felt among us, Holy One.

Hymn "Before the Earth Had Yet Begun"

(Voices United 301 alt. tune VU 405)

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.**

Passing the Peace

Word

Genesis 1:1—2:4

Drama “Mr. & Mrs. God in the Creation Kitchen” -Nancy Wood

Hymn “God of the Sparrow” (Voices United 229)

Prayer of Intercession

Thanksgiving

Silence/A Time of Musical Reflection

“Melodie” –F. Mendelssohn Hensel

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

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

Prayer of Dedication

Communion Liturgy

Open your hearts

We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to the Maker of the universe

It is right to join with all of Creation in thanking God.

Holy Mystery that is Wholly Love,

...nothing exists that does not find its source in you....

(based on **A Song of Faith**)

**Therefore with voices of thanks
Echoing through the cosmos
From the first day of creation
Until this very moment in time
We praise you and thank you singing:**

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highes, hosanna in the highest!**

(Voices United 932)

...In sharing this meal, we live out the mystery of our faith:

Memorial acclamation (Voices United 933)

Christ has died

Christ has risen

Christ will come, come again

Prayer over the Elements

Great Amen (Voices United 933)

Amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Anthem "Trust in the Lord"-Pote

Prayer after Communion

Sending Forth

Hymn "When We Gather at the Table" (More Voices 198)

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 "City of Stars" -Justin Hurwitz, arr. Anne Ku

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

*Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7; Psalm 66:1-12;
II Timothy 2:8-15; Luke 17:11-19*

Lasagna Dinner, May 2, 2020 – Save the date! Myrna MacKenzie and Ann Studer have begun preparations to host the lasagna dinner fundraiser but **they need help!** Can you offer your time and talent to be part of the organizational committee for this one time event? Areas where we need help include: organization of the meal preparation – lasagne, salad and dessert; securing auction items; setting up, taking down; tech support for advertising online and for receiving payment on the night of the event. Please contact Myrna MacKenzie: bobmyrnaholman@gmail.com OR Phone: Myrna - 250-860-1921.

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. Everyone welcome.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED OCTOBER 6 - 13, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM Refreshments: Hall
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
	10:30AM Worship Core Ministry: 12
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit: 14
	4:30PM Finance Committee meeting: 12
	7:00PM Education Core Ministry: 14
Wednesday	9:00AM Walk & Talk: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	3:00PM Multi-church Outreach meeting: 14
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