

First United Church

Thanksgiving Sunday

October 13, 2019

Worship Leaders..... Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
MusicAlleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
GreetersCarl Sapinsky, Donna Sapinsky
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marleen Spicer
Sound System..... Kim Ducs
Projectionist Mike Chiasson
Coffee Hour Judy Valks, Maddie Zell
Offering Counters Lyn Brown, Ken Ottoson, Linda Ottoson
Minute Persons.....Myrna MacKenzie, Sharon Wilson

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 Hope United Church.

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.

Call to Worship (responsive)

Whether we live in an apartment or a house; if we reside in the suburbs or the city:

God tells us to pray for the places where we live.

Whether we are exiles or prisoners for the gospel; if we are young, old, insider, outcast:

God says, 'when you search for me, you will find me.'

Whether we have been wandering and lost; or if we have lived in the same place all our lives:

God says, 'I will gather you from all your places and bring you home.'

Hymn "We Praise You, O God" (Voices United 218)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

God beyond borders, we know that on our way to worship, we may not have noticed the exiles in our neighborhoods.

We admit how easy it is for us to wander down the streets of temptation, hanging out with our easy choices. We fall silent in the presence of those who speak words of anger and hate.

We tolerate a culture that suspects all who are different from us.

Have mercy on us, O God, for surely you take the side of justice. Open our hearts to all the wonders you are performing in our lives. You bless us with people of other cultures, that our lives might be enriched. You send us friends out of places we least expect, that our community might be enriched. You call us to be generous with our blessings, so others might be graced with the gift of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Words of Hope (responsive)

God challenges us, God encourages us. God confronts us, and God accepts us. God works wonders in our midst and gives us the eyes, the hearts, the souls to see such miracles.

God forgives us, God guides us through the wilderness of the world, God leads us home. Thanks be to God. Amen

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

Word for All Ages

Hymn "Come, You Thankful People, Come" (Voices United 516)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem "Make a Joyful Noise" -Pote

Jeremiah 29:1-7 & Luke 17:11-19 (Carol Drury)

Reflection

Hymn "Praise God for This Holy Ground" (More Voices 42)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Carol Drury)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection

"Thanksgiving" –George Winston

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 Thanksgiving (unison)

**May our gratitude be offered with these gifts in these moments,
praying that what we share with others will bring them
healing, hope, grace, and peace. We pray this in the name of
Jesus. Amen.**

Sending Forth

Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Has Shaped"

(Voices United 221 alt tune VU 220)

Commissioning (responsive)

Having prayed for the places where we live and work, we go forth,

**sent by God into the apartments and homes, into streets
and playgrounds to bring hope.**

Having gathered with God's people of every age, we go forth,
**joining Jesus in serving folks whose birthdays are
celebrated in decades, and newborns who are facing
poverty and fear.**

Having shared prayers and songs with friends and strangers, we go forth,

**to welcome those who the world forgets but who God loves,
as surely as we have been embraced by the Spirit.**

Benediction

Sung Response “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.**

May we realize how precious we are.

May we realize how precious we are.

Postlude “Ringing Changes” -Christopher Norton

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

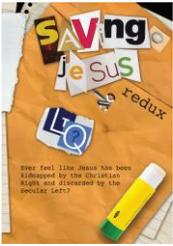
Jeremiah 31:27-34; Psalm 119:97-104;

II Timothy 3:14—4:5; Luke 18:1-8

What are you thankful for? You are invited to bring a symbol with you to church—an object, a photograph, etc—that represents something you are especially grateful for. These items will be gathered at the front of the sanctuary during **Thanksgiving worship this Sunday, October 13.** (And items may be retrieved at the conclusion of the service!)

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.

There will be a book sale in the hall after worship on Thanksgiving. Bring your toonies!



Adult Study - "Saving Jesus" Come be part of this lively 12-part study of Christianity in the 21st century. Contributors include: Brian McLaren, Diana Butler Bass, Robin Meyers, Marcus Borg, Walter Brueggemann, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, and a host of others for a conversation around the relevance of Jesus for today. This video based series will begin on Wednesday, October 16 at 7:00pm in room 14 and runs to November 20.

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.

Walk and Talk - "Eye Health" On Friday October 18, there will be a speaker from the Canadian National Institute for the Blind talking about maintain eye health as we age and taking your questions. Join us at 9:30am in room 14.

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: 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.

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

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.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED
OCTOBER 13 - 20, 2019

Today	8:30AM	Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM	Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:15AM	Refreshments: Hall
	11:15AM	Booksale: Hall
Monday		Thanksgiving Holiday – Office closed
Tuesday	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
Wednesday	9:00AM	Walk & Talk: 14
	7:00PM	Adult Study: 14
	7:00PM	Sunday School Teacher training:13
Thursday	8:30AM	Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM	Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	1:00PM	Prayer Shawl ministry: 14
	7:00PM	Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	9:00AM	Walk & Talk with guest speaker: 14
		Women’s Retreat through to Sunday: Naramata
Saturday	9:00AM	Big Booksale: Hall
Next Sunday	8:30AM	Informal Worship:14
	10:00AM	Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM	Refreshments: Hall
	11:15AM	Craft Fair crafting for children: 14
	3:00PM	Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry