

First United Church

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

November 10, 2019

Worship Leaders Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
Music Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Bob Gunn, Linda Gunn, Karen Hawkey
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marleen Spicer
Communion servers Angela Erderly, Bob Gunn, Linda Gunn, Myrna MacKenzie
Sound System.....Kim Ducs
Projectionist Benita Worley
Sunday school Teachers.....Leslie Atwell, Caitlyn Bertetic,
.....Arata Campbell, Brock Campbell, Gerry Hewitt, Beryl Itani,
..... Moira Pritchard, Suki Vernet
Coffee Hour Bobbie Tough, Duncan Tough
Offering Counters..... Audrey Beal, Lyn Brown, Irene Pett

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 the Evolve Youth Event.

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.**

Laying of the Wreath and moment of silence

Call to Worship (responsive)

The God who is greater than we will ever understand,
is humbled to become one of us.
The God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
gives us more grace than we ever realize.
The God who is wiser than we will ever know,
teaches us all we need to become God's children.

Hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (Voices United 806 vs. 1, 2, 5, 6)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

**We are so easily confused by what the world tells us,
Watching God, that we forget the stories of faith we heard as
children. We are so fearful of tomorrow we are not aware of
your Spirit with us today. We are so busy wondering 'what
if?' or 'suppose?' - we cannot hear the promises you whisper
to us.**

**So once again, Gracious God, have mercy on us. You know
our hearts so well - touch them with your grace. You see our
deepest fears -- heal them with your peace. You hear our
secret longings - speak to them of your hope. This we pray in
the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

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

Words of Hope (responsive)

The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

**With kindness and with justice, God makes us new people.
We will sing our thanks through all eternity. Great is God and greatly to be praised! 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 “O God of All the Many Lands” (Voices United 523)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem “Hymn to Freedom” -Peterson

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17 & Luke 20:27-38 (Graham Zell)

Reflection

Hymn “Let There Be Light” (Voices United 679)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Graham Zell)

A Time of Musical Reflection

“Invention #15” –J.S. Bach

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)

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.

Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who heals our brokenness.

Let us offer our thanks to God, who has prepared this Table for us.

We will bless the One who offers us life in every moment.

We thank you for your greatness, God of the living, and then, fall silent. When there was only chaos, you whispered your Word, and creation sprang forth.

The sun and the stars filled the heavens with your splendor, and the earth sang your glory. You filled us with your dreams of life with you forever, but we confused your hopes with our desires and went chasing after the seductions of sin and death.

You sent the prophets to remind us of the stories we had been told as your children, but we thought them to be myths and fables. So once again, you sent Jesus, your Word, to speak sense to our lives.

Therefore, in this time and place, with those who have gone before, and those who will come after, we join in the song of all creation:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the
highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God..
Hosanna in the highest!**

Holy are you, God of understanding, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son. When we had been deafened by the songs of the world, he came to speak of hope, and to offer us justice. When we were easily confused by the promises of sin, he came to make clear your dreams for us.

When we thought we could save ourselves, he offered himself on the cross, that we might spend eternity in your presence.

As we come to the Table of grace, as we are offered all your gifts, we remember what Christ has done for us:

Christ has died.

Christ is Risen.

Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit upon the gifts of the bread and the cup, and upon your children who gather in this place. Place into our empty hands your Bread made with life and mercy, that we might take justice and peace to the outcasts of our world.

Fill our parched hearts with the Cup of grace, that we might be poured out for the broken and lost in these times and places. Heal us with the peace of this joyous feast, that we might become your people of hope.

Then, when this world passes away, and time has come to an end, we will gather around the Table in your kingdom of grace, singing our praises to you for all eternity, God in Community, Holy Three-in-One. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959) sung!

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Breaking and Sharing

Prayer Following Communion

Gracious God, you provide nourishment for body and soul, here at this table, and at all the other tables of our lives. We thank you for your generosity and love that gives us energy for our daily journeys.

May what we have eaten, tasted and experienced empower each of us to use the gifts you give us to care for your people and your creation.

Increase in us the capabilities to live as Christ in this world. Send us forth in peace and joy and hope, with laughter, delight and love. Amen.

Sending Forth

Hymn "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" (Voices United 684)

Commissioning and Benediction (From 2 Thessalonians 2:15-17)

So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort our hearts and strengthen us in every good work and word.

“Go in peace to love and serve God in word and deed!”

“We will by the grace of God, with the strength of Jesus, and through the comfort of the Holy Spirit. 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 “Jesus is All the World to Me” –arr. Mark Hayes

Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:

Isaiah 65:17-25; Isaiah 12;

Psalms 98; 1 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Luke 21:5-19

Handbell Boot Camp! Are you interested in trying out handbells? Have you rung in the past, are interested in joining the Alleluia Ringers or the Grace Notes, but it’s been a while and you need a refresher? Handbell Boot Camp is a one-day program for learning the basics of ringing and preparing one piece for the service the next morning. If you have basic music reading skills and are interested in taking part, mark Saturday, November 30 and Sunday, December 1 on your calendar and contact Nikki Attwell at 250-707-3375 or nattwell@telus.net to sign up.

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 **5 Blethers left** to choose from in the month of November. Please RSVP to the host directly, enjoy!

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

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

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

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

5. 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.

Walk and Talk The presenter for Friday, November 15 will be Maddie Zell and she will be speaking on social determinants of health, resources and the health benefits of social contact. Maddie is studying kinesiology at UBCO. Her presentation will begin at 10:30am in room 14.

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 Last Sunday to sign up to help for the craft fair. Come and see us in the Hall after the service if you can help. Thanks, Linda Munce.

THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED
NOVEMBER 10-17, 2019

Today	8:30AM Informal worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:15AM Craft fair crafting: 14
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents Raising Grandchildren: 14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit: 14
	4:30PM Finance Committee: 12
	7:00PM Education Core Ministry: Library
Wednesday	9:30AM Walk & Talk: 14
	7:00PM Adult Study: 14
Thursday	8:00AM Men's Group meet: 14
	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee Hour & Outreach: Hall
	12:30PM Worship core ministry meeting: 14
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearse: Sanctuary
Friday	9:30AM Walk & Talk: 14
	10:30AM Blether at Lorraine Hladik's
	7:00PM Blether at John Whitehead and Nikki Attwell's
Saturday	9:00AM Craft Fair: 12/14/Kitchen/Hall
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