

First United Church

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 26, 2020

Worship Leaders Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace
Music Alleluia Ringers, Alleluia Singers, Nikki Attwell,
..... Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford
Greeters Burke/Seethaler family
Ushers..... Liz Basisty, Ted Basisty, Skip Kozuska
Sound System..... Sophia Chiasson, Kim Ducs
Projectionist Brock Campbell
Coffee Hour Mairi Forsyth, Maddie Zell
Offering Counters Ken Ottoson, Linda Ottoson, Edna Rennie

Welcome Table in the hall after worship - Information about activities and services we offer at First United. Remember to update your Family Record so we have current contact information and emergency numbers and if you have not filled out a Family Record you are invited to do so!

Sunday school Teachers – Rachel Anweiler, Tanya Burke, Caitlyn Bertetic, Cheryl Perry, Moira Pritchard, Isabella Seethaler, Robyn Springer.

Prayer Cycle - This Sunday, in the annual rotation, we join with other churches to pray for the congregation of the Richmond Chinese United Church.

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.

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

Gathering

Prelude

Ring of the Bell, Welcome, Announcements

Introit "Life's Sacredness" (Christopher New)

**Beauty is around us; Beauty is within us;
Beauty is between us; Beauty is unfolding in us.
Beauty is around us; Beauty is within us;
Beauty is between us; opening to reveal
Life's sacredness, life's sacredness
Revealed in the wonder, revealed in the earth;
Revealed in our quest for life.**

**Spirit is around us; Spirit is within us;
Spirit is between us; Spirit is unfolding in us.
Spirit is around us; Spirit is within us;
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Life's sacredness, life's sacredness
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Call to Worship (responsive)

The God of all creation makes us one in the flesh.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise.

In Jesus Christ, we are made one in the Spirit.

Let us be united in truth through the same one Spirit.

We practice our faith in many different ways.

Yet we confess one Lord Jesus Christ.

We render different forms of ministry.

Yet our calling is one because Christ is undivided.

Rejoice, people of God: The Risen Christ is among us, calling us together at his one Table.

Praise the Lord!

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

Call to Reconciliation

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

Gracious God, in Christ you call us to unity of mind and purpose,

but we confess that our hearts are often turned toward separation and division.

We quarrel; we encourage rivalries; we tear down our brothers and sisters in faith.

Help us to remember that all have been baptized as one body into Christ's death and resurrection.

Teach us to hold fast to those promises which draw us together in the Spirit, so that we may proclaim the power of Christ's life and ministry with one voice.

Words of Hope

Receive the good news: there is no place, not even in our hearts, where the love of God cannot penetrate.

God is around and among us, healing, restoring and calling us to new life as one body, united in Christ.

Praise be to God for the gift of forgiveness and the promise of peaceful unity!

Sung response "Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands"

(More Voices 173 vs. 2)

**Put peace into each other's hands
with loving expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways,
in touch with God's creation. (2x)**

Passing of the Peace

Word

Matthew 4:12-23 (Ailie Bertetic)

Word for all ages

Hymn "Will You Come and See the Light" (Voices United 96)

Children leave for Sunday school

Anthem "Walking by Faith"-Boyd

1 Corinthians 1:10-18 (Catherine Doherty)

Psalm 27 – *responsive* (Voices United pg. 754 with sung refrain)

Reflection

Hymn "God of the Sparrow" (Voices United 229)

Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Catherine Doherty)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection

"Blessed Assurance/Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring"

-arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

Offertory "Now Thank We All Our God" (Voices United 236, vs. 1)

**Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom the world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

**God, to you we dedicate these gifts this day.
May this act of giving inspire other ways
that we may "fish for" your people,**

**seeking out those who need your nourishing spirit.
And we pray that you will multiply them
and the gifts of all your faithful people
like loaves and fishes,
that your love may be revealed on earth as it is in heaven.
Amen.**

Sending Forth

Hymn “The Church’s One Foundation” (Voices United 331)

Commissioning

Go now in peace,
**for Christ has called us to live in peace among our brothers
and sisters in Christ.**

Go now in courage,
**for Christ has called us from the places of your life to be
agents of redemption and partners in healing.**

Go now in joy and thanksgiving,
for Christ is our light!

Go now as one body,
to love and serve God by loving and serving the world!

Benediction “Let us, O God, depart in Peace” (choir only, Voices United 961)

Sung Response “Masithi Amen”

Leader: Masithi

Amen! Si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

Leader: Masithi

Amen! Si-a-ku-du-mi-sa!

Leader: Masithi

Amen, ba-wo! Amen, ba-wo! Amen! Si-a-ku-du-mi-sa.

Leader: Masithi

Amen! We praise your name, O God.

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Amen, ba-wo! Amen, ba-wo! Amen!

We praise your name, O God.

Postlude "Exuberant Joy"-Arnold Sherman

Next Week's Lectionary Readings:

Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

First's got talent We will be hosting a potluck dinner and talent show on **Saturday Feb 8 starting at 5:30**. If you would like to sign up with a talent, please see us at the welcome table after church, or contact Judy Valks at judyvalks@gmail.com or at 250-862-0712.

<p>THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED JANUARY 26 - FEBRUARY 2, 2020</p>
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Today	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	12:00PM Okanagan Japanese congregation: 14
	12:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
Monday	10:00AM Grandparents raising grandchildren: 14
	6:30PM Board meeting:14
Tuesday	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
	1:00PM Adult study: 14
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit (UCW) - coffee time: 14
Wednesday	7:00PM Adult study: 14
Thursday	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
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