

# First United Church

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5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 2020

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Worship Leaders ..... Cheryl Perry, Bob Wallace  
Music ..... Alleluia Singers, Frances Chiasson, Jessica Crawford  
Greeters ..... Alyssa Campbell, Hugh Pett, Irene Pett  
Ushers..... Marian Hamilton, Ken Ottoson, Marleen Spicer  
Sound System..... Kim Ducs  
Projectionist ..... Brock Campbell  
Coffee Hour ..... Beryl Itani, Terry Welsh  
Offering Counters ..... David Bertetic, Linda Munce, Kathleen Smith

**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 Robertson Memorial Pastoral charge in Nakusp.

**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

Ringing 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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Call to Worship (responsive)

Come, let us use our voices to praise our God.

**Our mouths will shout forth praise.**

Let us use our minds to ponder the wondrous deeds of God.

**We will call to mind God's mighty acts.**

With all of our strength and being, let us worship the God of love.

**We will worship from our depths. Our souls will always  
praise our God!**

Hymn "Come, Let Us Sing" (Voices United 222)

Prayer of Reconciliation (unison)

**It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives. Much worse, we break your heart when we point the finger at those who are different from us; when we gossip about our friends and neighbors; when we think everything is all about us.**

**Forgive us, Loving God, we pray. We long to know your ways, so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore. We search for you each day, so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew. We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.**

Words of Hope (responsive)

God will show us the way to God's realm. Gracious, merciful, and righteous is our God of salvation!

**God rebuilds our lives, repairs our mistakes, fills our emptiness with hope and joy. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

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 5:13-20 (Brock Campbell)

Word for all ages

Hymn "Go, Make a Difference" (More Voices 209)

*Children leave for Sunday school*

Anthem "Let Your Light Shine"-Don Besig & Nancy Price

Isaiah 58:3-9a (Joa Lazarus)

Reflection

Hymn "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning" (Voices United 578)

## Thanksgiving

Prayer of Intercession (Joa Lazarus)

The Lord's Prayer (Voices United 959)

A Time of Musical Reflection "An Ancient Tale"-B. Filtz

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)

**O God, please take these gifts and multiply them; let them be  
a means to create the justice and peace you long for in this  
world. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

## Sending Forth

Hymn "What Does Our God Require of Us" (Voices United 701)

Commissioning

To those huddled in the shadows of fear and worry,  
**God sends us to be light.**  
To those whose lives and hopes have lost all flavor,  
**Jesus sends us to be salt.**

To a society where love is tossed aside as easily as a food wrapper,

**Spirit sends us to be faithful carers of everyone we meet.**

Benediction “Let us, O God, depart in Peace” (choir only, VU 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 “Lowside Blues”-Joanna MacGregor

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***Next Week’s Lectionary Readings:***

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20; Psalm 119:1-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Matthew 5:21-37*

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**Offering Tax Receipts** are now available for you to pick up from the Envelope Steward, Jodine Ducs. She will be available before and after worship most Sundays throughout February.

**Membership at First United** If you are making First United your church home, if you are new to the congregation, or have moved here from another church but have not yet transferred your membership and would like to, please contact the church office at [firstunited@telus.net](mailto:firstunited@telus.net) or speak to one of our ministers. We will be setting dates for our annual Membership Exploration group soon. We’d like to have your name/email if you are interested!

**THIS WEEK AT FIRST UNITED**  
**FEBRUARY 9 - 16, 2020**

<b>Today</b>	8:30AM Informal Worship: 14
	10:00AM Sunday Worship: Sanctuary
	11:00AM Refreshments: Hall
	11:30AM Knowledge exchange: Hall
	12:00PM Okanagan Japanese congregation worship: 14
	3:00PM Alleluia Ringers rehearse: Belfry
<b>Monday</b>	10:00AM Grandparents raising grandchildren: 14
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
	1:00PM Adult study: 14
	2:00PM Isabel Leitch Unit (UCW): 14
	7:00PM Education Core Ministry: Library
<b>Wednesday</b>	7:00PM Adult study: 14
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30AM Healing Ministry: Vestry
	10:00AM Coffee and outreach: Hall
	12:00PM Men's Group meet: 14
	7:00PM Alleluia Singers rehearsal: Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	
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