

Chilliwack United Church
10th Sunday After Pentecost
10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Gathering Song & Lighting the Christ Candle

No. 409 VU "Morning Has Broken"

Morning has broken like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.

Ours is the sunlight! Ours is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!

Call to Worship

Give thanks and call on God's name. Make known to the nations
what God has done.

Sing, the songs of praise, tell of all God's wonderful deeds.

Praise God's holy name,

let those who seek God be joyful in heart.

Prayer of the Day (In Unison)

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit, in love joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn No. 222 VU "Come Let Us Sing"

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord...

- *A Moment of Silence* -

Words of Assurance

God has promised that all who call on the name of Christ, confessing him to be Lord and trusting in his resurrection, will be saved. Through your faith, God has declared you to be righteous. Sisters and Brothers, our sins are forgiven; be at peace..

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Theme Conversation

Hymn No. 138 MV "My Love Colours Outside the Lines"

Hebrew Scripture Genesis 37:1-4,12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now

Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, 'Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them.' He answered, 'Here I am.' So he said to him, 'Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me.' So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, 'What are you seeking?' 'I am seeking my brothers,' he said; 'tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock.' The man said, 'They have gone away, for I heard them say, "Let us go to Dothan."' So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, 'Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams.' But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, 'Let us not take his life.' Reuben said to them, 'Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him'—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, 'What profit is there if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.' And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

Responsive Psalm No. 105 **Page 828 VU (Parts 1 & 2)**

Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reflection

Hymn No. 509 VU

"I the Lord of Sea and Sky"

Life & Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

"Chaplaincy in Kingston"

Presentation of Our Offering

Sung Response

No. 542 VU

We give you but your own,
whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is yours alone,
we give it gratefully.

Prayer of Dedication

(In Unison)

Loving God, receive all that we offer you this day. Grant that in this time of worship we may be enriched by the gifts of your Spirit. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn No. 376 VU

“Spirit of the Living God”

(One verse sung softly while seated)

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

Prayer of Intercession

Lord's Prayer (Sung)

No. 959 VU

Hymn No. 625 VU

“I Feel the Winds of God Today”

Benediction

Sung Blessing

No. 649 VU

- Sing Twice -

(You are invited to join hands with those around you to form a “blessings circle”)

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through.

Postlude

*The church has a supply of **hearing units** for improved sound in the sanctuary. If you wish to use a set for the Sunday service, please pick one up from the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary.*

Announcements

Leading the Service Today:

Worship Leader; Rev. Michael Hare

Musician; Lynda Mundstock

Music Director; Marilyn Taves

Reader; Joan Jones

Lectionary Readings for August 20, 2017 Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 45:1-15

Psalm 133

Romans 11:1-2a,29-32

Matthew 15:(10-20),21-28

Next Sunday, we once again welcome Michael Hare to the pulpit.

Budget Summary

Average Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Operating Budget	\$ 3,559.00
Average Weekly Revenue to July 31, 2017	3,501.00
<i>Deficit as of July 31, 2017</i>	<i>(12,104.00)</i>
<i>Deficit as of July 31, 2016</i>	<i>(18,717.00)</i>
Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Objective	\$ 221.00
Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Received to July 31, 2017	224.00
<i>Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – July 31, 2017</i>	<i>5,800.00</i>
<i>Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – July 31, 2016</i>	<i>7,232.00</i>

For your information, complete regular Monthly Financial Statements are posted in the Narthex on the bulletin board next to the ramp.

Keep on top of the latest news! Be sure to contact the church office at 604-792-4634 or email chwkuc@shaw.ca , and add your name to our email list!



We continue to collect non-perishable food items for the local Salvation Army Food Bank. Please place your donations in the Salvation Army bin located in our Narthex.

Our Chilliwack United Church Women continue to collect postage stamps. The stamps are collected for Eastern Star and are used to purchase cancer dressings.

Call for 2019 Bulletin Photos – Want to see your photos on United Church bulletin covers? Consider submitting them! For submission guidelines and other information, contact the church office at 604-792-4634.

September 21-24, Bowen Island: Pathways Into Living a Contemplative Life: Save the date! Come away from whatever is taking your time and attention. Discover the stillness of the hilltop Rivendell Retreat Centre on Bowen Island. Join a three-day sacred community of pilgrims on a contemplative path, making space to remember who you are and to touch again what you Love. Read more on the Pacific Jubilee website, <http://pacificjubilee.ca/soulwork/>

News From First United Mission

Recently, I read about how one woman helps people during the heat. She said that before she puts her cans & bottles (anything with a deposit on it) out for others to collect (& cash in) in her alley, she takes one bottle and fills it with water and freezes it. So when she puts out the bottles & cans, the collector would also have a cold bottle of water to drink throughout the day. What a great, simple idea! It's the little things that we can do for one another that help so much.

CURRENT NEEDS (They are collecting items for Summer)

- Hats
- Sunglasses
- Summer clothes & T-shirts
- Sunscreen/after Sun Lotion
- Bottled water

As well the kitchen needs forks

Please contact Heidi Morgan at hmorgan@firstunited.ca or by calling 604-681-8365 ext 116. Many thanks! *Chilliwack United Church is unable to deliver items to First United Church.*

DID YOU KNOW?!

You can read about modular housing and how the city of Vancouver wants to create more. Though advocates argue that the 600 units mentioned in this article aren't enough, they support it just the same: <https://tinyurl.com/y8lx94ab>

FIRST UNITED'S SUMMER NEWSLETTER

If you haven't had a chance to check it out yet, here is the link:

<https://firstunited.ca/newsletter/>

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***Minute for Mission
Chaplaincy in Kingston***

Our gifts for Mission & Service support chaplaincy. Let us hear a story of the many avenues of support for chaplaincy in Kingston, Ontario.

Kate Johnson has been supported through Mission & Service in many ways, in theological education and in her work as a prison chaplain, including her time as part of Kingston Community Chaplaincy. We celebrate her many gifts that have been lived out through Mission & Service-supported ministries!

After completing her undergraduate studies at Lakehead University School of Social Work, Kate studied at Queen's University School of Religion (formerly Mission & Service-supported Queen's Theological College). She received a Master of Divinity with a concentration in restorative justice. Currently Kate serves as a member on the board of directors for the Mission & Service-supported Kingston Community Chaplaincy.

A firm believer in the value of interfaith dialogue and community building, Kate brings people together from other faiths and within the prison system. The Kingston Community Chaplaincy offers programs for families and those currently in prison and provides support when prisoners are released. At the core of the chaplaincy is the belief that when crime happens, it is not only the victim and offender who are affected but also the whole community. Kingston Community Chaplaincy seeks to promote healing and safety for all people in an atmosphere of learning how to live together in community once again.

We sing thanksgiving for the many ways Mission & Service supports chaplains.

If Mission & Service is already a regular part of your giving, thank you so much! If you have not given for Mission & Service, please join me in making Mission & Service a regular part of your life of faith. In all our Mission & Service giving, with a willing heart, we sing thanksgiving to God!

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