

Chilliwack United Church  
14th Sunday After Pentecost  
10:30 a.m.

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Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Gathering Song & Lighting the Christ Candle

No. 115 MV (Sung Twice) "Behold, I Make All Things New"

Behold (behold), behold (behold), I make all things new,  
beginning with you and starting from today.

Behold (behold), behold (behold), I make all things new,  
my promise is true, for I am Christ the way.

Call to Worship

Sing to the Lord a new song.

**Praise God for the wonders of creation.**

Praise God with the organ and with voice.

**Praise God for all that God has done for the people of the  
earth.**

Let everything that has breath praise God.

**Praise God. Hallelujah!**

Prayer of Approach

(In Unison)

**Eternal God, you are so wise and wonderful that none can  
stand against you, we praise you. You are stronger than  
flood, fire, and hurricane: open our eyes to an awareness of  
your power. You know the secrets of the atom and the  
vastness of the universe: open our minds to your wisdom  
and creativity. Your love is so deep that you know the  
innermost secrets of all your children: open our hearts to**



household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbour in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

**Responsive Psalm No. 149**

**Page 873 VU (Refrain #1)**

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 18:15-20**

'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell

you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Reflection

Hymn No. 165 VU "Come You Faithful Raise the Strain"

## Life & Work of the Church

Minute for Mission

"A Vibrant Youth Program"

## 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)

**Great and holy God, accept our offering of labour and love.  
May we bring you true and spiritual worship and be one  
with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen  
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.

## Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer (Sung) No. 959 VU

Hymn No. 213 VU "Rejoice the Lord is King"

## 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

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*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

*Scripture Reader:* Thompson Opendries

### Lectionary Readings for September 17, 2017

#### 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 14:19-3

Exodus 15:1b-11,20-21

Psalm 114

Romans 14:1-12

Matthew 18:21-35

*Next Sunday, we once again welcome*

*Rev. 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
<b><i>Deficit as of July 31, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>(12,104.00)</i></b>
<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
<b><i>Mission &amp; Service Funds Received to Date – July 31, 2017</i></b>	<b><i>5,800.00</i></b>
<i>Mission &amp; 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](mailto:chwkuc@shaw.ca) , and add your name to our email list!



## **Are You a Member of Chilliwack United Church?**

Have you transferred your membership from another congregation? Have you been through the membership process? Unfortunately, long term participation and attendance is not the same as membership, as defined by the United Church of Canada. Those who are not members are referred to as Adherents.

Our congregation is working through a time of discernment. *Adherents (as defined by the United Church of Canada) may not vote on matters concerning property, amalgamation, disbanding or realigning the congregation, pastoral relationships, elections or appointments of the governing body, or anything involving the order of worship (The United Church Manual B 3.7.3).*

Sunday, September 10, 2017

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The Chilliwack United Church Futures Committee will be presenting a recommendation to the congregation this Fall.

If you wish to be a part of the decision making process, we strongly encourage you to confirm your status as a member of the church as soon as possible. We will need time to request transfers or to enter into the membership process, if you so choose, before a congregational meeting requiring a vote is held.

We are also reviewing our current Membership Roll. There are a number of people on our roll who have moved away, are attending a different church or may be deceased. If you are aware of people that may be one of these members, please contact the church office.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the Chilliwack United Church office at 604-792-4634.

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***On September 23rd 2017 we invite you to come and Ride for Ran.*** Ruth & Naomi's is hoping to get 100 riders and raise \$50,000 dollars towards the ministries at Ruth and Naomi's Mission. They would love to see all levels of riders from families to competitive and will have a 5k, 25k, and 100k ride available. Prizes will be given out as well. If you would like to be a corporate partner or would like more info please contact Cheryl at the office. (604) 795-2322 or info@ruthandnaomis.ca.

***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.

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***At Naramata Centre; A Circle of Trust Retreat – September 18-21*** for individuals ages 18 and up. Find a space for greater awareness to nurture personal and professional integrity and to summon the courage to act on hard earned wisdom. A hidden wholeness underlies our lives. See the information posted on the bulletin board in the narthex for more details.

***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](mailto: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?!

An organization named Alliance against Displacement (AAD) is standing up for a tent city called Sugar Mountain, which was recently displaced from a site on Main Street. This tent city currently has 48 residents and is located in an industrial area in East Vancouver. It was coined Sugar Mountain because it is right across the way from the BC Sugar Refinery. AAD has provided the site

with two portable toilets but there is no running water at camp. The camp members go out late at night or early morning to attempt to get enough water to sustain themselves by filling their jugs from external taps. While some neighborhood businesses are looking the other way, others have begun to shut off their taps, citing that they cannot afford the extra water bill. AAD is calling on the city to do something about it, asking the City to provide the camp with water.

**Chilliwack United Church**

**Monday, September 11 to Sunday, September 17**

***Monday, September 11***

1:00 United Church Women Meeting

***Tuesday, September 12***

9:30 Growth Ministry Unit Meeting

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

7:30 Choir Practice

***Wednesday, September 13***

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

10:30 Drop In Bible Study

1:30 Council Meeting

***Thursday, September 14***

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

12:00 Ministry & Personnel Committee Meeting

***Friday, September 15***

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

***Saturday, September 16***

12:00 Chilliwack United Soup Kitchen

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

***Sunday, September 17***

10:30 All Ages Worship Service

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***Minute for Mission***  
***A Vibrant Youth Program***

Our gifts for Mission & Service support programs for children and youth. Let us hear a story of The GO Project.

“The GO Project has taught me so much about faith and social justice, but I didn’t even notice I was learning because I never thought you could have that much fun while learning!”

Those are the words of a youth who took part in The GO Project youth mission program. For nine years, The GO Project has been offering a vibrant experience of church to youth and children.

The first program happened at Islington United Church in Toronto, and it’s been an adventure ever since. First offered for youth, GO now also offers summer camp programs for children as well as a young adult intentional community.

The GO Project has youth programs in Halifax, Vancouver, Saskatoon, and St. John’s, in addition to the Toronto site. The youth live in community and work alongside volunteers at community ministries in the host city. Youth who have participated in The GO Project leave with a strong sense of community and a passion for leadership.

We sing thanksgiving that, through our gifts for Mission & Service, children and youth continue to grow in faith and community, able to offer leadership that can mend the world!

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!

*(M&S Minute for Mission - Pg 39)*