

Sunday, October 15, 2017

Chilliwack United Church
19th Sunday After Pentecost
World Food Sunday
10:30 a.m.

Prelude

Welcome & Greeting

Gathering Song & Lighting the Christ Candle

No. 18 MV (Sing Twice) "God Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary"

God prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving,
I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Call to Worship

Come into the presence of God with thanksgiving!

We come to praise God's name.

Come, trusting that we will be touched by the Holy.

We come believing in the promises of God.

Come, knowing that we have no need for false gods.

We come to worship the one true God.

Prayer of Approach

(In Unison)

Holy God, like travelers in the wilderness, we yearn to be assured of your presence among us. We bring to you all the longings of our lives. We bring the sadness of loneliness, the pain of suffering, the hunger for purpose. Touch us in this hour of worship, we pray, with the assurance that you are the one and only God who knows our needs and graciously offers to feed our souls. Amen.

Hymn No. 401 VU

“Worship the Lord”

Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

Loving and forgiving God, we confess the times we have made gods out of our greed, our pride and our selfishness. We have allowed ourselves to be governed by these things. In creating a dependency on them we have blocked out your goodness and set up false gods in our lives...

Silent Prayer (time to sit in God's Loving and Forgiving presence)

Assurance of Pardon

In the words of Paul, “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

Theme Conversation

Hymn No. 145 MV “Draw the Circle Wide”

Hebrew Scripture Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, ‘Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ Aaron said to them, ‘Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.’ So

all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mould, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!' When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, 'Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord.' They rose early the next day, and offered burnt-offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ' The Lord said to Moses, 'I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation.'

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, 'O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, "It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth"? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, "I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it for ever." ' And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Responsive Psalm No. 106

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Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying,

“Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Reflection

Hymn No. 391 VU

“God Reveal Your Presence”

Life & Work of the Church

Presentation of Our Offering

Sung Response

No. 182 MV

Refrain: Grateful, for the life You give us.
Thankful for your Holy Son.
Joyful, in Your Spirit flowing
over all – the God of love.
Grateful, for the Bread of Heaven.
Thankful for Your Holy Word,
joyful in your mercy flowing,
we will praise you.

May our lives proclaim Your justice
May our voices sing your praise.
May our hands work in Your service,
to the glory of Your Name. (*Refrain*)

Offertory Prayer (In Unison)
On this World Food Sunday, we are especially conscious of the many people around the world who don't have enough to eat. These small offerings are symbolic of our resolution to do what we can to create a world where food is more evenly distributed. Amen.

Hymn No. 14 MV “Where Two or Three Are Gathered”
(*Sing a few times*)
Where two or three are gathered in my name,
I am there, I am there.

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer (Sung) No. 959 VU

Hymn No. 651 VU “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Commissioning & Blessing

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; Carolyn Gaunt

Musician; Rod Swanson

Music Director; Marilyn Taves

Scripture Reader: Debora Soutar

Lectionary Readings for October 22, 2017

Peace Sunday

Exodus 33:12-23

Psalm 99

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Matthew 22:15-22

Budget Summary

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| Average Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Operating Budget | \$ 3,559.00 |
| Average Weekly Revenue to September 30, 2017 | 3,562.00 |
| Deficit as of September 30, 2017 | 1,617.00 |
| Deficit as of September 30, 2016 | (20,306.00) |
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| Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Required to Service our 2017 Objective | \$ 221.00 |
| Average Mission & Service Weekly Revenue Received to September 30, 2017 | 185.00 |
| Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – September 30, 2017 | 7,203.00 |
| Mission & Service Funds Received to Date – September 30, 2016 | 8,913.00 |

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

Congregational Meeting

TODAY! Sunday, October 15
following the morning worship service

*To hear the report of the Futures Committee and vote on
the recommendation being presented.*

***Please be aware, you MUST be a member of Chilliwack
United Church to vote on the recommendation being
presented at this meeting. Votes by proxy are not
permitted at this congregational meeting.***

***We are excited to announce that the people at Sto:lo Nation are
hosting a Saturday Manna Lunch*** in our hall on Saturday, October 28.
We give thanks and celebrate their efforts in helping our local community
members find a nourishing meal.

Stephen Palmer Fundraising Concert! Come and enjoy an evening of
hand clapping, toe tapping family fun on Saturday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.
in our sanctuary. Stephen Palmer performs an evening of gospel, country, folk,
acoustic blues and ragtime music. He has been inducted into the Edmonton Hall
of Fame for his music. Chilliwack's own Heritage Singers will be Stephen's
opening act. Tickets are \$15.00 each. Children under 12 years of age are free.
Get your tickets on Sunday mornings, or from the church office.

The next Jigsaw Puzzle Exchange takes place on Sunday, October 29
after church. Bring as many puzzles as you would like to get rid of. Feel free to
take as many home with you as you would like. Any left over puzzles are given
to our Thrift Shop.

The 11th Annual Musical Service of Remembrance – This year's
celebration will be held a little later than usual and will be combined with the
church's Remembrance Day Service. It will be a morning of beautiful music that
you have picked for your loved ones and to pay tribute to our men and women
who have served our country. Mark Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 a.m. on
your calendar! Letters will be sent out shortly with a list of songs to choose
from.

“Who is a veteran in our church?” We don't want to miss acknowledging anyone. If you are a veteran, call Marilyn at 604-792-2449.

The month of October has been designated as Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Pregnancy and infant loss impacts families and generations globally, whether they are lost through miscarriage or still birth, or after birth due to SIDS or other causes. On Sunday, October 15, join Trinity Memorial United Church, 33737 George Ferguson Way, Abbotsford from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. as they gather to remember all the little angels in our lives and around the world. Participants are invited to share their stories and reflect openly about their experiences. Grief and sorrow should not be borne alone.

Carman United Church invites you to a Turkey Dinner on Saturday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. The dinner sold out last year. Tickets are \$20.00 for adults, \$12.00 for youth (8-15). Children 7 and under are free with an adult. Tickets are available at the Carman United's church office 604-858-3223.

The Fraser Presbyterial United Church Women's Fall Rally is taking place on Tuesday, October 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Northwood United Church, 8855 – 156 St., Surrey. The theme is “**FORGIVENESS**”. Sharing the day will be Keynote Speaker Rev. Janice Young.

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.

AVIVA Campaign - First United is excited to announce that they are once again entering the AVIVA Community Fund Campaign. This year they are entering the \$50,000 category once again, to buy a van to take community members on out trips. **THEY NEED YOUR VOTES!** Email Carmen@firstunited.ca to help. Voting starts October 10th, 2017. **THANK YOU!**

Chilliwack United Church

Monday, October 16 to Sunday, October 22

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9:00 Support Ministry Unit

Tuesday, October 17

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

7:30 Choir Practice

Wednesday, October 18

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Thursday, October 19

10:00 Thrift Shop Open

Friday, October 20

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

11:00 Mission Ministry Unit

Saturday, October 21

1:00 Thrift Shop Open

12:00 Chilliwack United Soup Kitchen

Sunday, October 22

10:30 All Ages Worship Service

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Minute for Mission
Food Insecurity

Our gifts for Mission & Service offer self-sufficiency and hope. Let us hear a story from the West Bank.

Life is a constant struggle for Palestinian Muslims and Christians living in the West Bank. Separated from family living in Israel, Gaza, or further abroad, many also face land confiscation or are unable to reach their land to work it because of Israeli restrictions on travel. Those who want to build new agriculture-related structures rarely receive permits from the Israeli authority; if they build anyway, they are subject to demolitions.

In the West Bank, the Near East Council of Churches has developed a food security program focused on families who have lost land and property due to the Israeli occupation and illegal settlements. Through this intervention, a family receives three main components. First is material for a shed for livestock. As part of the project, the family must contribute by building the shed, often with the help of the community. Second, they receive five fruit trees that are about four years old, and third, they receive 12 chickens, two pregnant sheep, and enough feed for 100 days. Training and support are also provided.

These supplies give those struggling to feed their families the ability to become self-sufficient, providing milk, eggs, fruit, dairy products, and meat for their own needs while also having enough left over to trade or sell at markets.

We sing thanksgiving for global partners who are bringing hope and vitality to Palestinian families in the region.

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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