

August 26, 2018
Long Reach United 9:30 AM

14th Sunday after Pentecost
Westfield United 11:00 AM

TWO RIVERS PASTORAL CHARGE
UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Two Rivers Pastoral Charge
An Affirming Ministry of the United Church of Canada

WE GATHER IN HOPE

Prelude * indicates “to stand as able”
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Acknowledging the Traditional Territory

“As we gather to worship, let us pause to remember that in this region we live and work and worship on lands that are, by law, the unceded territories of the Wabanaki peoples – predominantly the lands of the Mi’kmaq, Maliseet, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot. May we live with respect on this land and live in peace and friendship with its people.”

Welcome Bienvenue Kulashkul

Life and Work of the Church

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Gathering Music: “*Spirit of Life*” *Voices United 381*

*Spirit of Life, come unto me,
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;
move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.*

Call to Worship: (based on Psalm 84)

God be with you.
and also with you.
How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord God of heaven.
My soul, my very being, longs for God;
my heart and my body rejoice out loud to God!
Those who live in God’s house are truly happy;
we sing God’s praises constantly!

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Worship Resources:

Sung Benediction: *Go Now In Peace.* Reproduced with permission under Licensing #605755
Spirit of Life, Carolyn McDade Harmony; For The Fruit of All Creation, Hope Publishing

Readers: *Joan Small (LR); Margaret Graham (W)*
Greeters/Offering: *Lois Miller (LR);*
Margaret Graham & Verna Livingstone (W)

Lectionary Reading for September 2nd

Song of Solomon 2: 8-13; Psalm 45: 1-2, 6-9; Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-9
Psalm 25; James 1: 17-27; Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

LIFE AND WORK OF OUR CHURCH

Portland United Church is currently looking for an Administrative Support Person to fill a 10 month contract position. For further information please see the poster on the Bulletin Board.

A Family Bonfire at Holderville Beach will be held on **August 29th**, at **6:00 PM**, with the 30th as a rain date. Hotdogs and marshmallows will be supplied. A beautiful spot to watch the sunset. **All are welcome!**

Sunday, September 16th, 2018, 11:00 AM, Annual Joint Pastoral Charge Worship by the River. Sherwood Cottage, 100 Admiral Lane, Long Reach (a sign will be posted at the top of Admiral Lane). **Potluck!** Please bring a plate, utensils, a lawn chair and something to share for lunch.

Universal Portrait Studios will be at Westfield United on **September 27, 28 & 29th**, to photograph for our Pastoral Charge Directory. Your Elder will be contacting you to set up an appointment.

*Better is a single day in God's presence
than a thousand days elsewhere.
O God of heaven,
We praise and worship you!*

Opening Prayer: *(in unison)*

**God of everlasting grace,
it is easy to turn to you in times of trouble,
but harder to turn to you when life is easy.
Open our hearts to you,
so that we can choose to follow you
each and every day of our lives.
We pray this in the name of the one
in whose name we are called. Amen**

***Opening Hymn:** “ *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*” *Voices United 664*

Prayer of Awareness: *(in unison)*

**God, who speaks to us in the “still, small voice” -
help us to quiet our minds and our hearts
so that we can hear your voice.
Help us to examine our lives,
so that we can see the times
when we haven't loved you with our whole hearts,
and when we haven't loved our neighbours as ourselves.
Help us to know that you are always with us –
always loving us,
and always giving us another chance. Amen**

Moment of Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

WE LISTEN WITH HOPE

A Story for All Ages

Scripture Readings: *Joshua 24: 14-17*
John 6: 60-69

Reader: *This is the witness of God's people.*

Musical Selection

Reflection

*Hymn: *"Bread of Life, Feed My Soul"* *More Voices 194*

WE RESPOND IN HOPE

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation

Offering

Offertory Hymn: *"For the Fruit of All Creation"* *Voices United 227, verse 2*

*In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.*

*Offertory Prayer: *(in unison)*

God of love,
your generosity has no limits.
We thank you for all that you have given to us;
and in gratitude, we offer a share of it back to you.
Transform our gifts of time, talent, and treasure
into that which the world needs;
and transform us, by our giving,
into your people in the world,
We pray this in the name of your greatest gift,
Jesus Christ. Amen

WE SCATTER IN HOPE

*Closing Hymn: *"Will Your Anchor Hold"* *Voices United 675*

*Commissioning and Benediction

*Sending Forth: *"Go Now In Peace"*

*Go now in peace. Never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe,
reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there within, around, above.
Go now in peace, in faith and in love.
Amen, Amen, Amen*